

Coastal Operational Divisions 9811.4 – San Luis Obispo County

Coastal Operational Divisions are presented in the ACP as front-loaded information to assist in rapid response planning to provide for quickly organized operational objectives and assignments along affected shorelines. The operational divisions have been developed in conjunction with the US Coast Guard, California Fish and Game OSPR, and various Oil Spill Response organizations. Experience has demonstrated that in the earliest stages of spill response having organizational issues such as this prepared in advance is very useful to the response team.

The coastal operational divisions are organized around County boundaries and logical geopolitical features such as coastal physical characteristics and land ownership/management issues combined with an attempt to provide for manageable sized coastline segments generally about ten miles in length, although some variation may occur. Divisions can be easily subdivided (as necessary) by the Operations Section management to provide for appropriate work assignment effort. Coastal operational divisions are labeled from north to south in each County using a single alpha character (A to Z). In large bays (i.e. San Diego), the labeling will progress in a clockwise direction to accommodate changing coastline angles and in San Francisco Bay may utilize additional identifiers such as County characters. It is recommended that offshore operational divisions be identified with double alpha characters (AA to ZZ) to distinguish them.

Complementary response tools available in this ACP are located in section 9800. These include Environmentally Sensitive Site files, Economically Sensitive Site listing, and Shoreline Access files.

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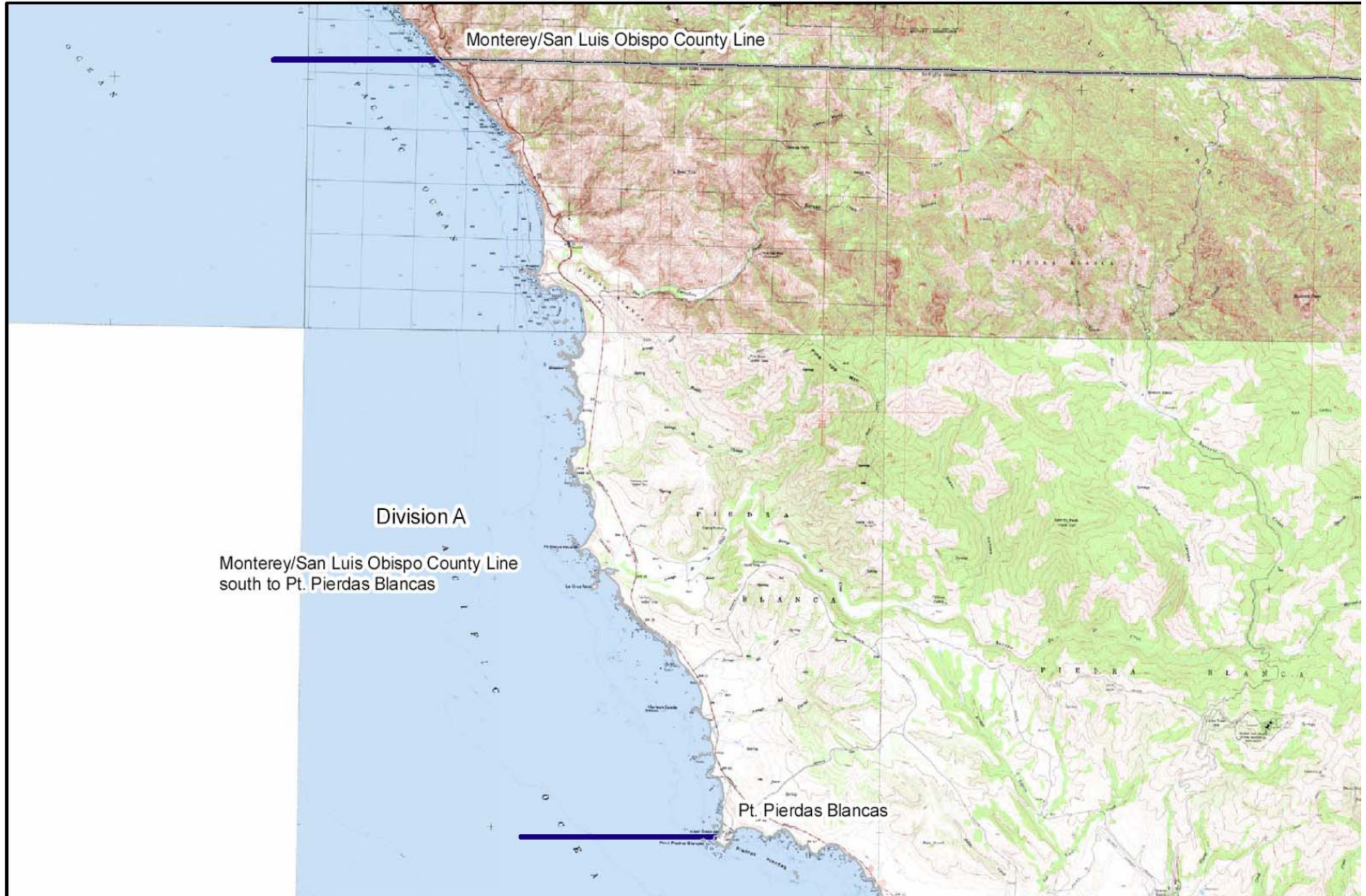
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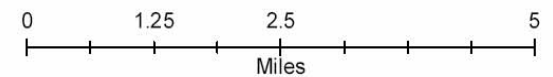


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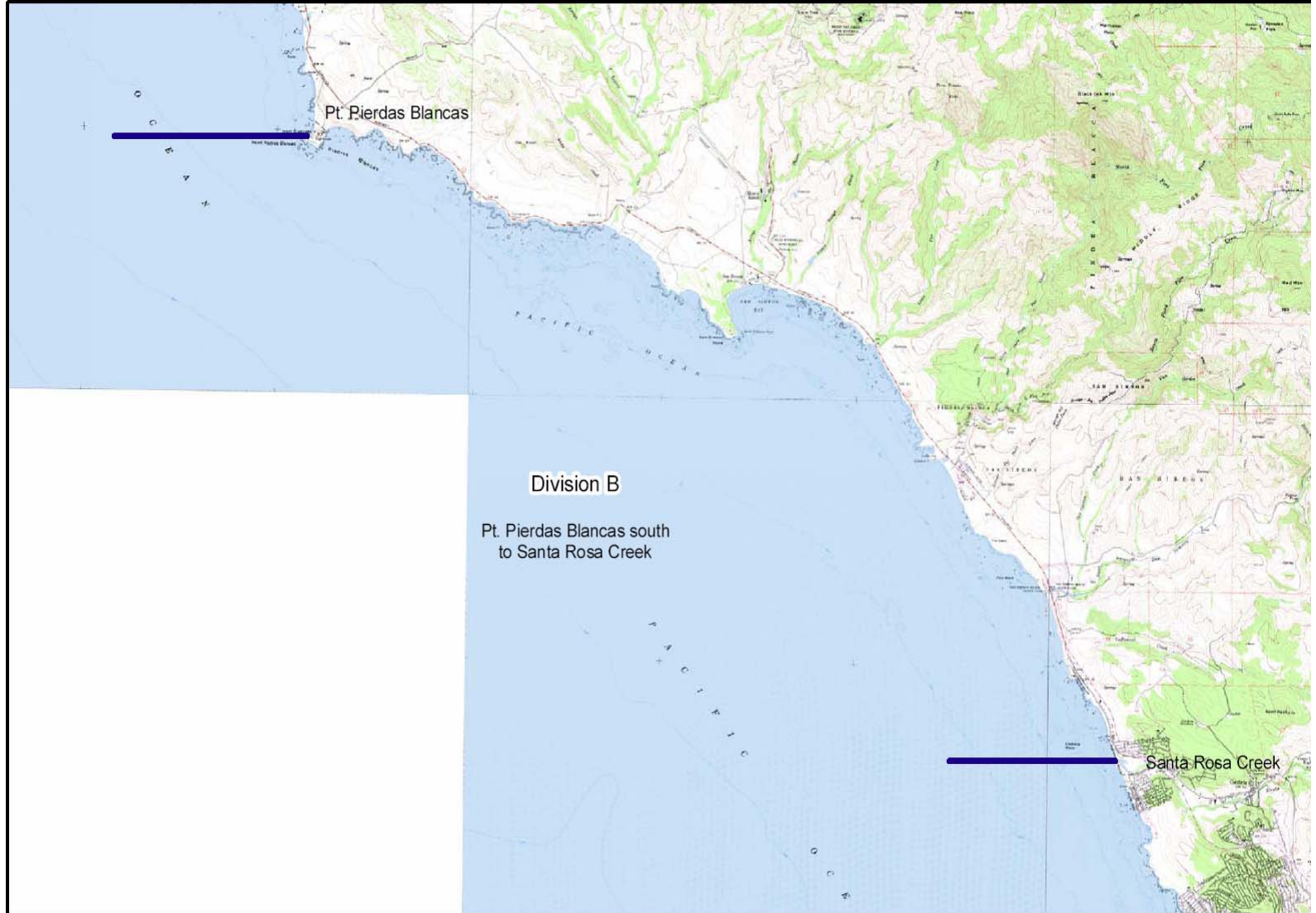
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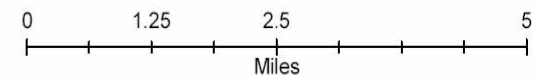
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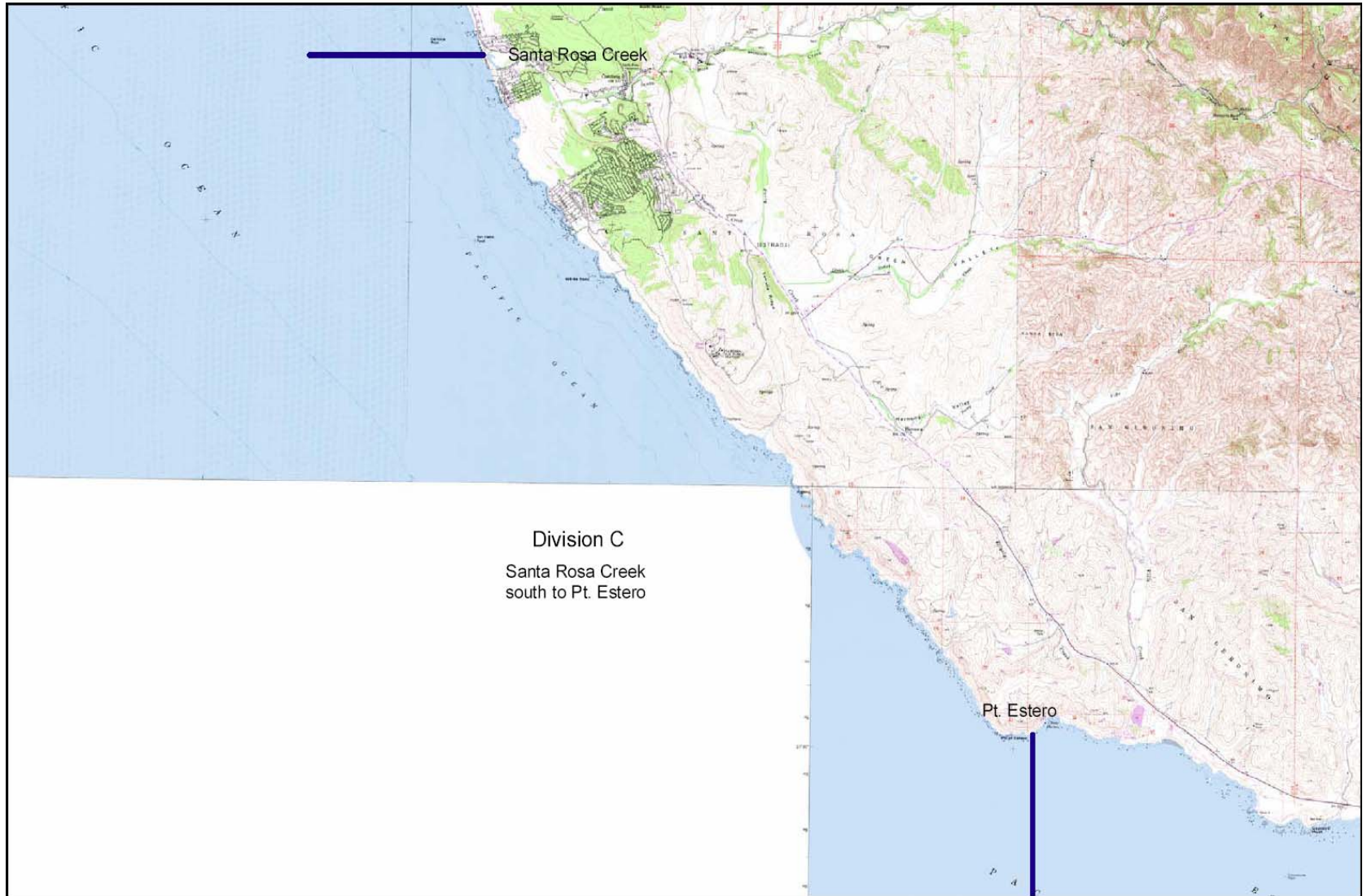
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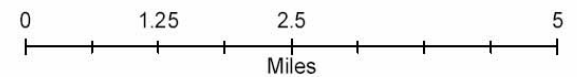


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Santa Rosa Creek
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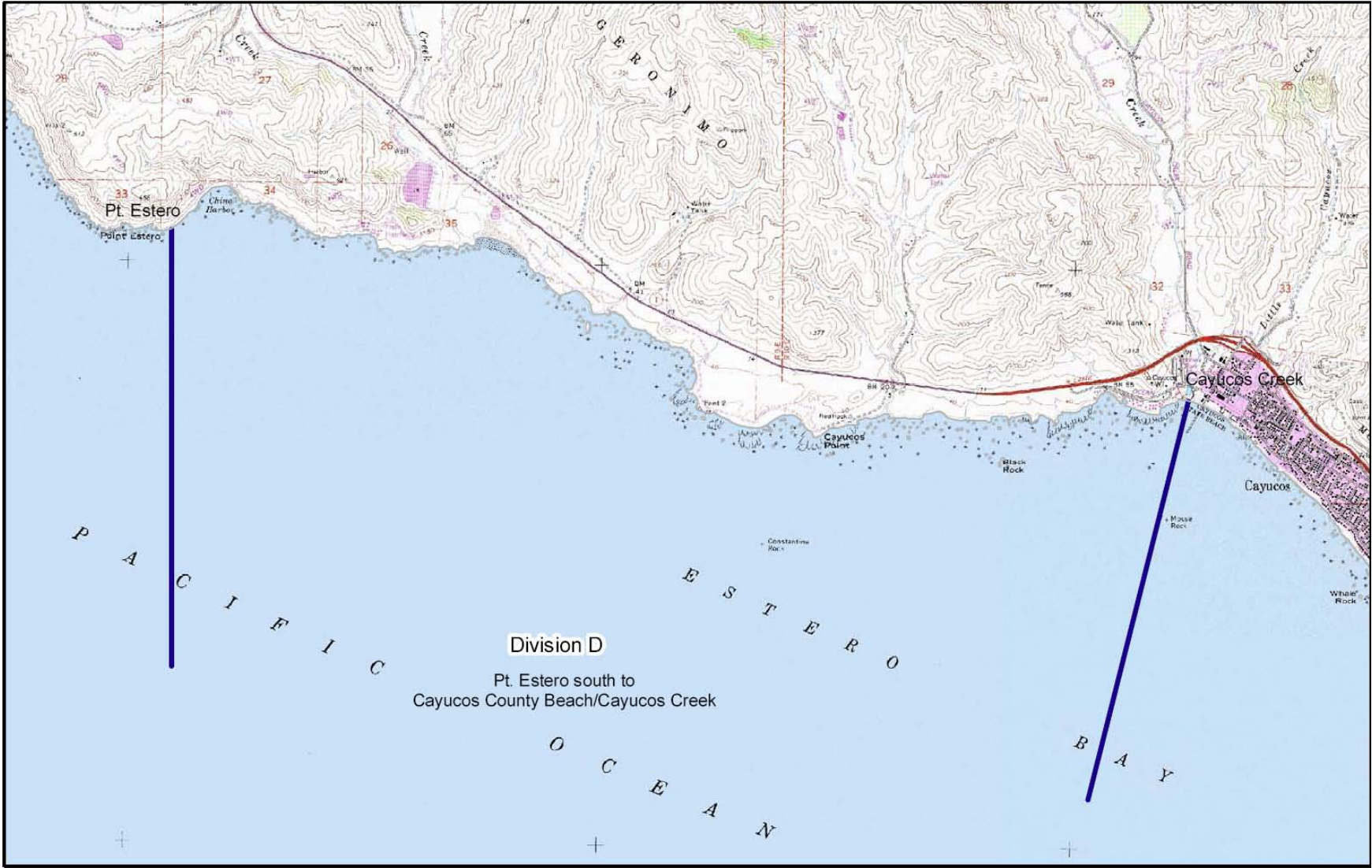
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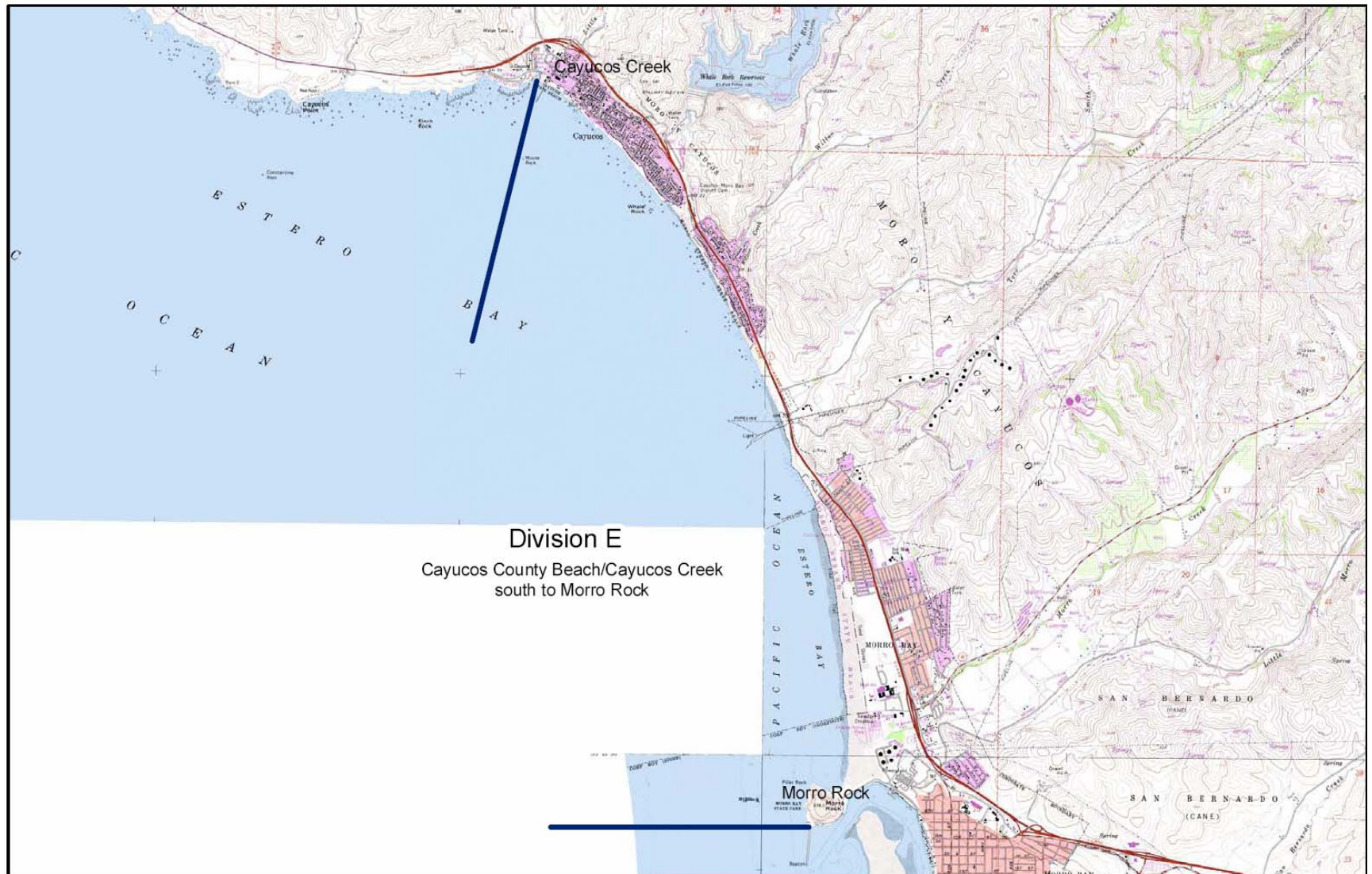
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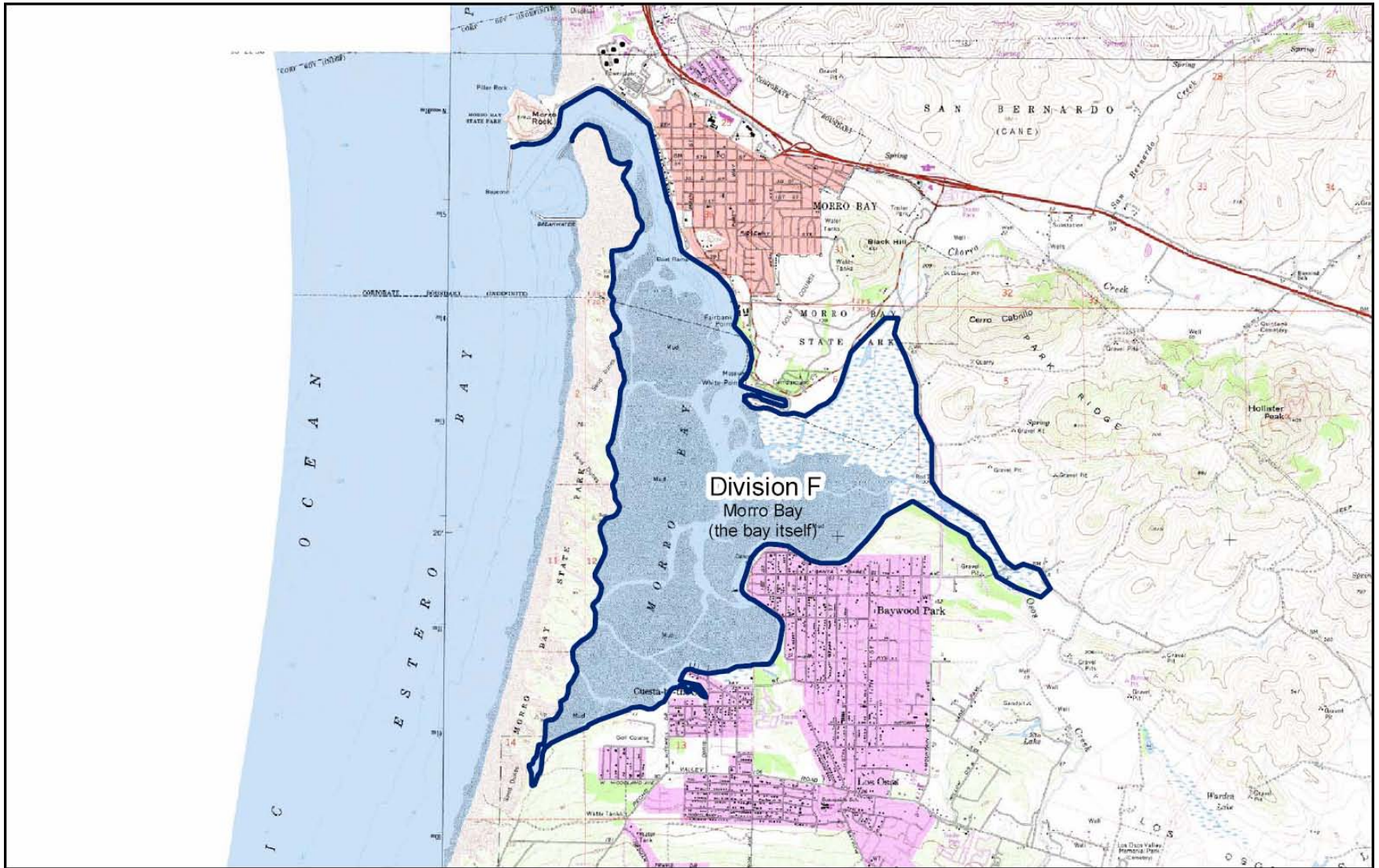
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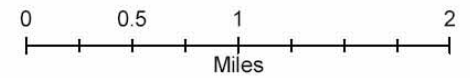
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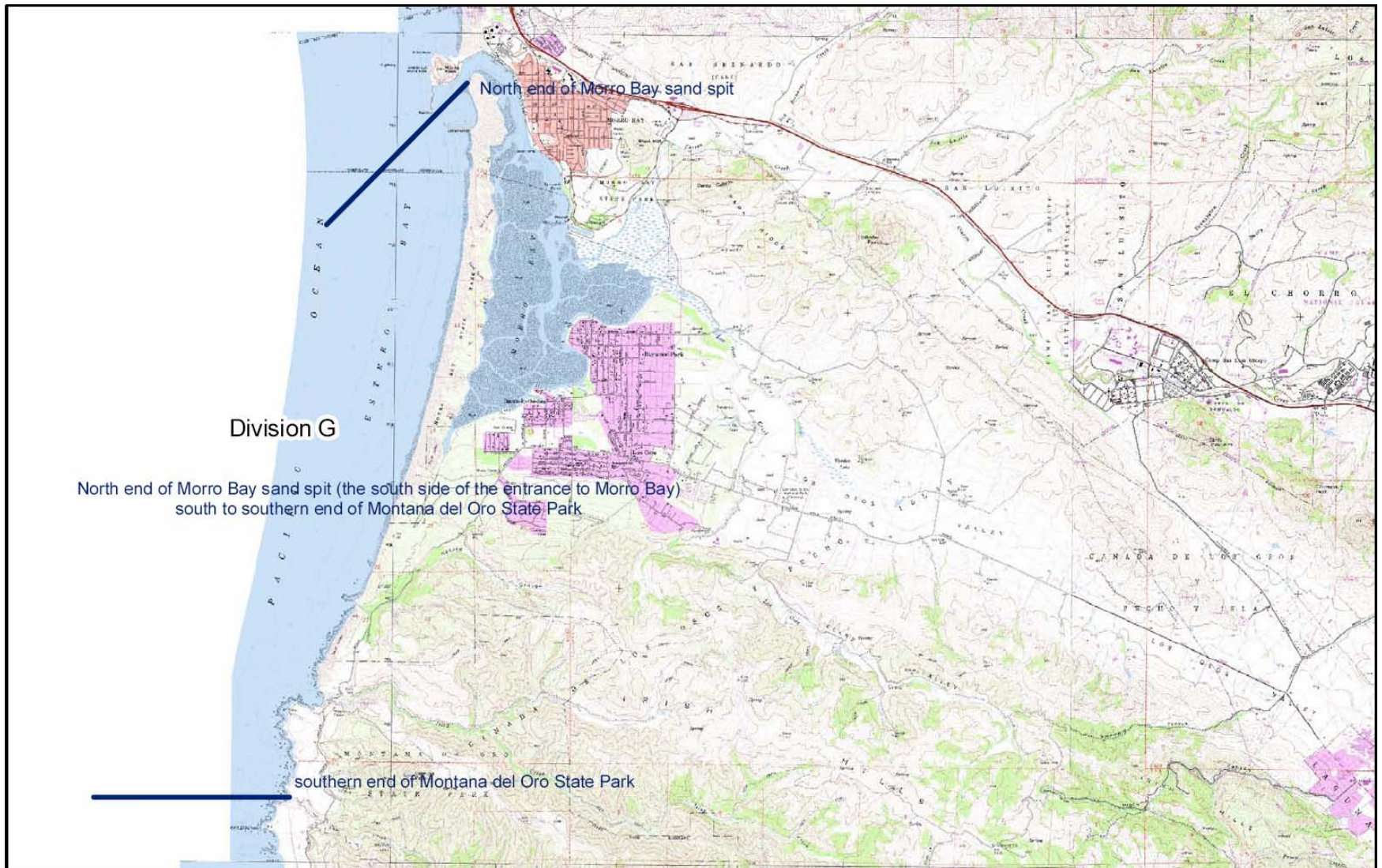
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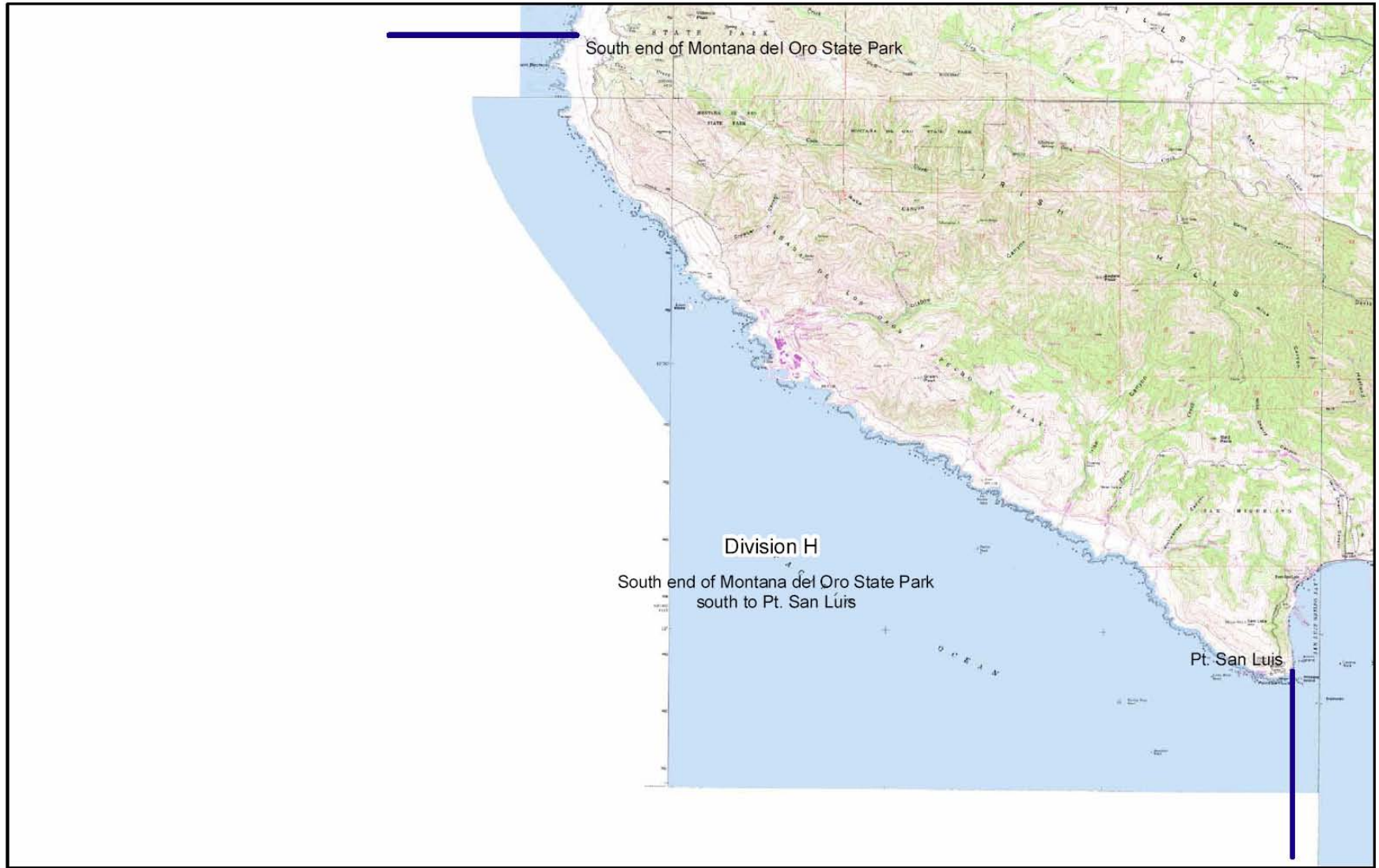
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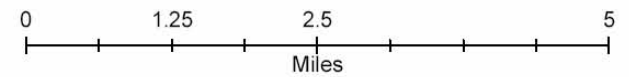
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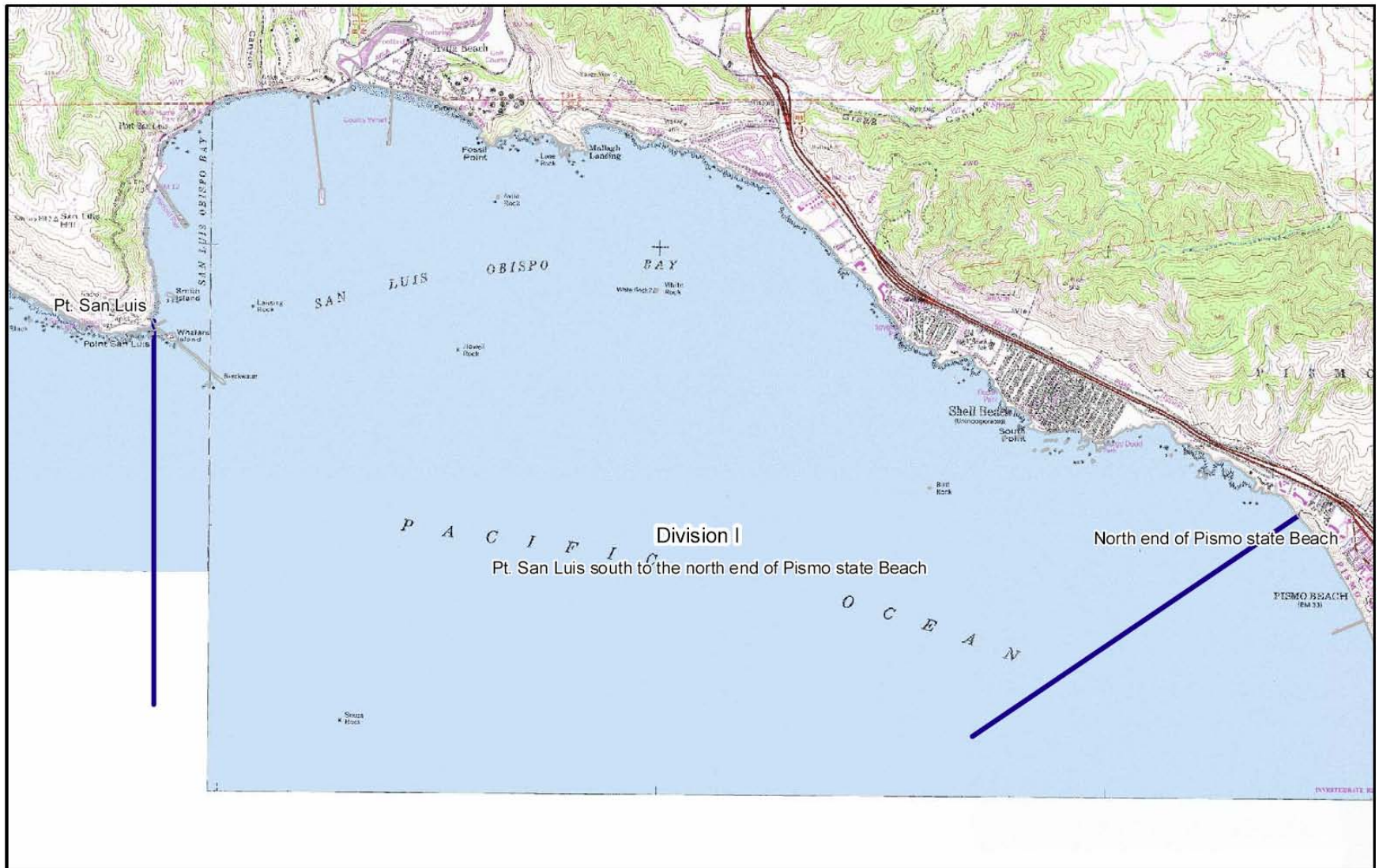
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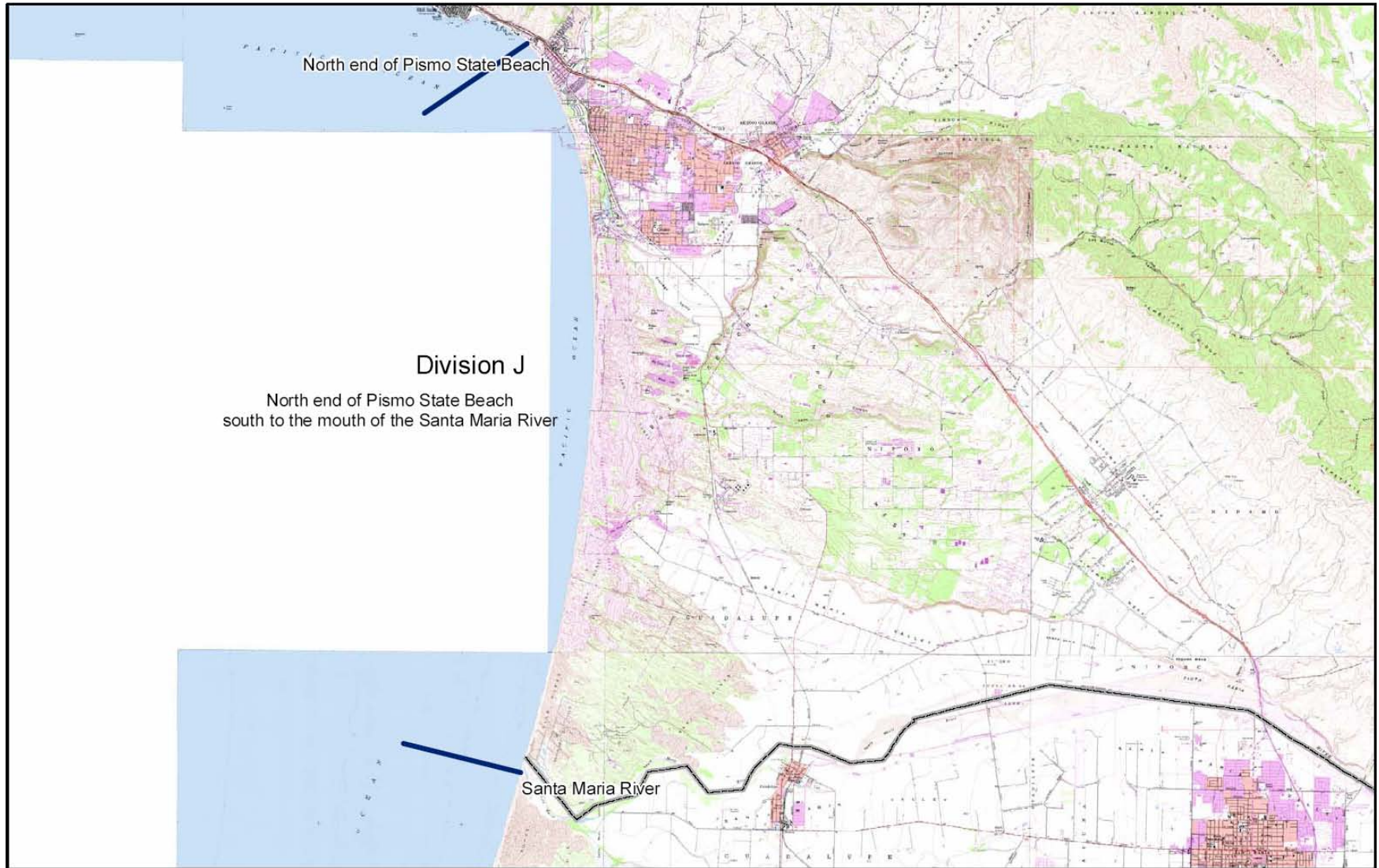
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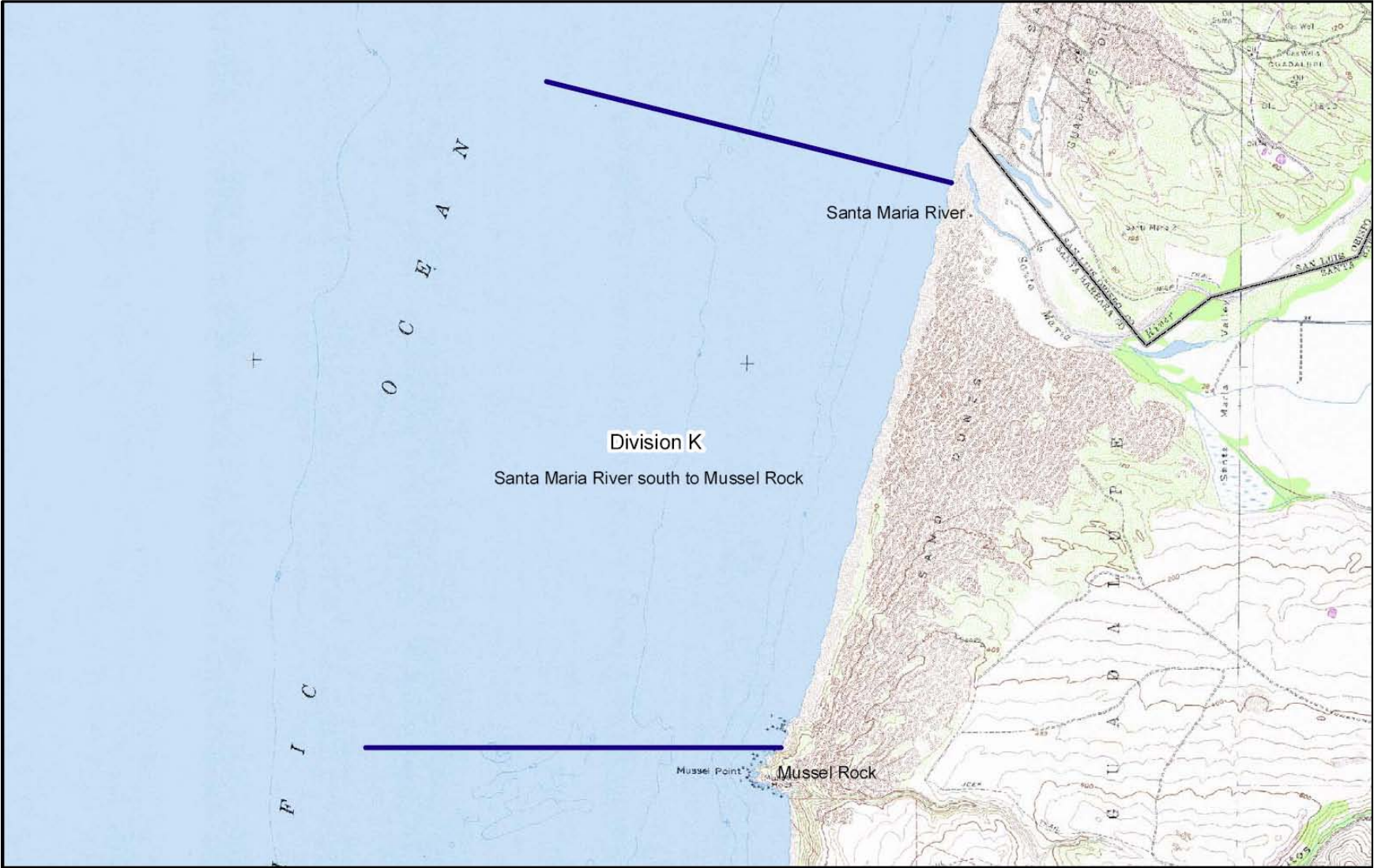
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Shoreline Access 9811.5 – San Luis Obispo County

Detailed shoreline access information is provided in this section to aid Planning and Operations Section managers in the rapid deployment of field response personnel and equipment on coastal beaches during the emergency phase of spill response. Coastal access points were examined, mapped and photographed at virtually every location along the respective ACP coastline where personnel and equipment can gain access to specific coastal segments. Used in conjunction with Environmental Sensitive Sites and Operational Divisions Shoreline Access information enables responders to be directed to the most convenient or appropriate coastal access point for their response effort. The knowledge of which access point to use and the nature of any access limitation will reduce time delays in finding these locations and eliminate uncertainties about the type of equipment that can gain access. Information provided in this section includes:

- a) descriptive information about the respective operational division with boundaries defined by landmark features and latitude/longitude (GPS), and a general description of recognized cultural resource issues; and
- b) access point specific *Thomas Bros. Maps*® page and coordinates, written directions from major streets and roads, a general site description, photographs of entry points and associated shoreline, land ownership matters, and the occurrence of Environmental Sensitive Sites. Descriptions include the length of accessed coastal segment and limitations of access where physical constraints may be a factor.

The significance of the labeling features is the ease of comparison of association of access points. By understanding the numbering system it can quickly be recognized that some sites may or may not be accessible from adjacent access points. Jurisdictional variation is also quickly determined. Even without first hand familiarity of the coastline, one can understand the accessibility of individual sites and at a glance determine that ownership/management boundaries have changed.

The access point identification label is a unique seven character alpha-numeric code describing (in order) the County (2-alpha characters) and Operational Division (1-alpha character) where the access point is located, along with a four digit number that relates to its relative physical location in the operational division, and characteristics relative to adjacent access points, and ownership. Thus, in each operational division the thousands, hundreds, and tens digit component will increase from north to south; ownership is identified by the fourth digit.

Operational divisions are organized around county boundaries (labeled from north to south in each county using a single alpha character [A to Z]). Within each county, divisions are delineated based on geo-political features such as coastal physical characteristics, land ownership, and by dividing the coast into manageable sized shoreline lengths for spill response. Divisions may contain **segments** resulting from physical barriers (e.g. inlet mouths, headlands) which prevent unimpeded movement along the operational division shoreline. Or divisions may be uninterrupted lengths of shoreline with several available access points.

Access points are labeled from north to south within an operational division. Where segments occur within an operational division they are designated by the thousands digit of the code (i.e. 1000, 2000, 3000, etc.). An access point within a segment is identified by the tenths digit (i.e. 1010, 1020, and 1030, in this example segment one has three access points. Or, there can be multiple isolated shorelines (segments) each with only one access point (i.e. 1010, 2010, 3010, etc).

In contrast, an operational division with clear, unimpeded access for its entire length may have several access points identified by the hundreds digit (i.e. 1100, 1200, 1300, 1400). In this example the operational division (1000 – which can be thought of as one large segment) is accessible from four access points with no physical barriers preventing movement along its entire length. Responders can enter at any access point, and exit again at any other (providing the pathway will accommodate the equipment).

In any given operational division shoreline ownership/management may change. The unit digit of the four digit code reflects that condition (i.e. 1108, 4016, 3011, etc). Higher numbers indicate more difficult access issues.

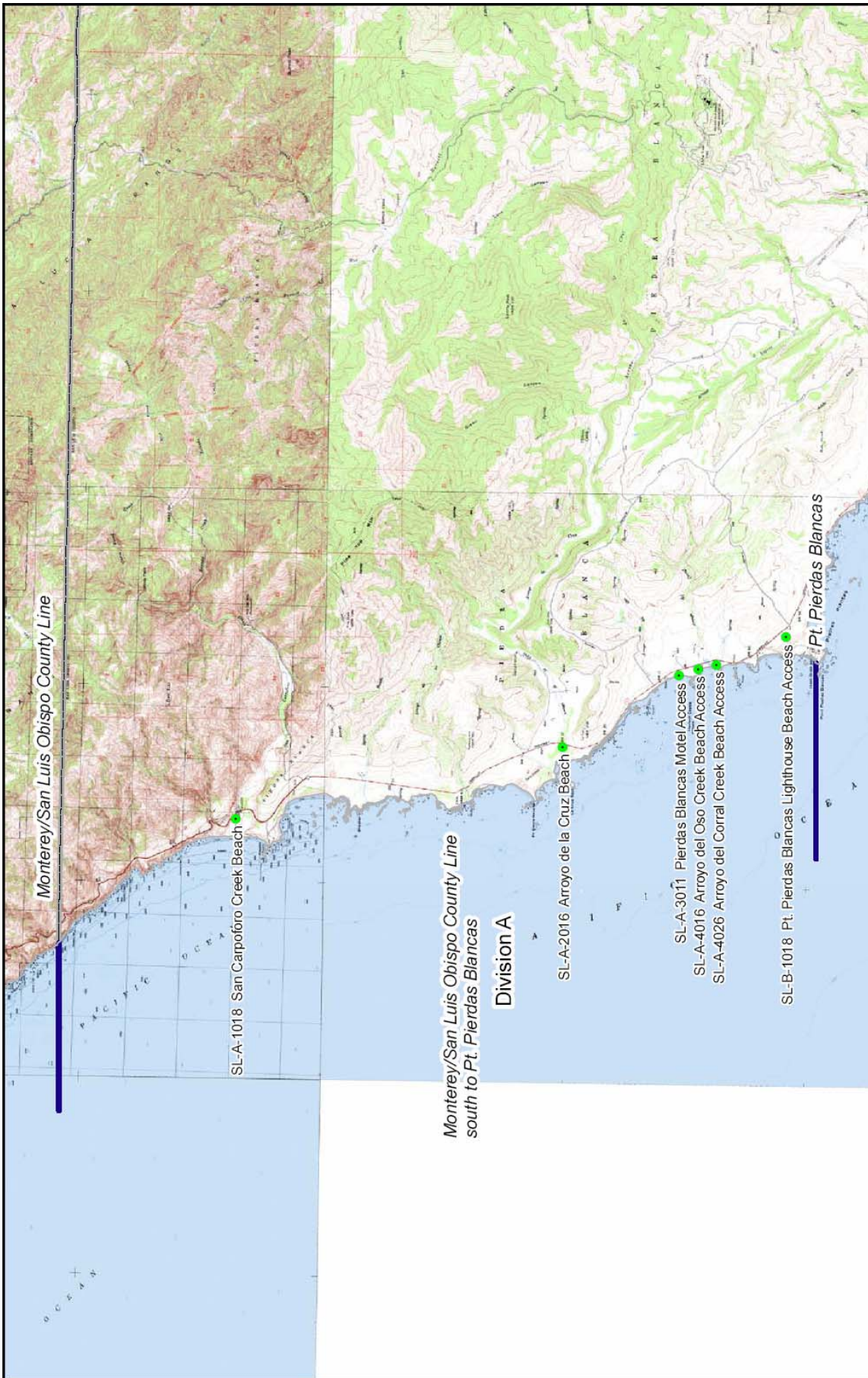
Military lands are identified by the number 9, Federal lands such as National Parks, National Monuments, National Wildlife Refuges, etc. are identified by the number 8, Tribal lands are identified with the number 7, State Lands such as State Parks, State Beaches, etc. are identified by the number 6, and County lands are identified by the number 5. Properties of cities are labeled with 4. The number 1 identifies private property, while 0 indicates that the ownership is not known. The numbers 3 and 2 are currently not assigned.

Following are examples of the numbering system. The northern most operational division in San Luis Obispo County, division A, has 4 segments. The first three segments each have one access point. The fourth segment has two access points. The northern most access site is managed by USFS, second, fourth and fifth access sites are managed by State Parks, and the third access point is private property.

SL-A-1018
SL-A-2016
SL-A-3011
SL-A-4016
SL-A-4026

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SL Division A Information**Division Boundary North:** San Luis Obispo N. Co. Line

Last Page Update: 4/12/2005

Lat: N 35.80000

Lon: W 122.35000

County: San Luis Obispo**South:** Pt. Pirdas Blancas

Lat: N 35.66000

Lon: W 121.28000

Division Description:

Division A is approximately 11 miles. Pocket sandy beaches with rocky cliffs and rocky intertidal habitat with a number of creek inlets/estuaries. Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary in this Division.

Cultural, Historical, and Archeological Concerns:

Contact the State Historical Preservation Officer at (916) 653-6624.

Sensitive Sites Within Division: [4-005](#)[4-010](#)[4-015](#)[4-020](#)[4-025](#)[4-030](#)**Individual Access Points SL Division A****Access Point: SL - A - 1018 San Carpoforo Creek Beach****City:** San Luis Obispo County**Thomas Guide Page:** 324 **Grid:** E3**GPS Coordinates:** N 35.76518 W 121.31999 **USGS Quad:** Burro Mountain**Directions:**

Off HWY 1 approx. 4 mi S. of SLO/Monterey County line, just N. of bridge is USFS gate

Site Description:

Street parking only at turnout next to house across street from beach access gate. Foot or ATV (w/ USFS authorization and access through locked gate; site also managed by State Parks) access to the beach w/I MBNMS. Medium to coarse grain sand beach. Snowy Plover nesting March-September.

Sensitive Sites: [4-005-A](#) [4-010-A](#)**Access Point: SL - A - 2016 Arroyo de la Cruz Beach****City:** San Luis Obispo County**Thomas Guide Page:** 324 **Grid:** E4**GPS Coordinates:** N 35.70897 W 121.30393 **USGS Quad:** Pirdas Blancas**Directions:**

Off HWY 1 approx. 4 miles N. of Pirdas Blancas Lighthouse. Access at turnout .2 miles S. of creek.

Site Description:

Street parking at turnout with hiking trail 1/3 mile to the beach. Possible ATV access. Medium grained sand with creek. Within MBNMS and State Park property.

Sensitive Sites: [4-015-A](#)

Access Point: SL - A - 3011 Pierdas Blancas Motel Access

City: San Luis Obispo County

Thomas Guide Page: 324 *Grid:* F5

GPS Coordinates: N 35.68909 W 121.28840 *USGS Quad:* Pierdas Blancas

Directions:

Off HWY 1 at Pierdas Blancas Motel

Site Description:

Large parking lot. Foot access only. Course sand beach with headlands to the north and south. Within MBNMS; Property transferring to State Parks in 2005.

Sensitive Sites: [4-015-A](#)

Access Point: SL - A - 4016 Arroyo del Oso Creek Beach Access

City: San Luis Obispo County

Thomas Guide Page: 324 *Grid:* F5

GPS Coordinates: N 35.68581 W 121.28704 *USGS Quad:* Pierdas Blancas

Directions:

Off HWY 1

Site Description:

Foot and ATV access only. Course sand beach with headlands to the north and south. Within MBNMS and State Park property.

Sensitive Sites: [4-025-A](#) [4-030-A](#)

Access Point: SL - A - 4026 Arroyo del Corral Creek Beach Access

City: San Luis Obispo County

Thomas Guide Page: 324 *Grid:* F5

GPS Coordinates: N 35.68272 W 121.28600 *USGS Quad:* Pierdas Blancas

Directions:

Off HWY 1

Site Description:

Foot and ATV access. Medium to course sand. Within MBNMS and State Park property.

Sensitive Sites: [4-030-A](#) [4-025-A](#)



San Carpoforo Creek



SL-A-1018. Access gate and path to San Carpoforo Creek and beach.



SL-A-2016. Arroyo de la Cruz Beach. Gate to beach access path.



SL-A-2016 Arroyo de la Cruz Beach. Access path.



SL-A-2016. Arroyo de la Cruz Beach. Beach fronting creek.



SL-A-2016 Arroyo de la Cruz Estuary



SL-A-3011. Pierdas Blancas Motel Beach Access. Looking north.



SL-A-3011. Pierdas Blancas Motel Beach Access. Looking south.

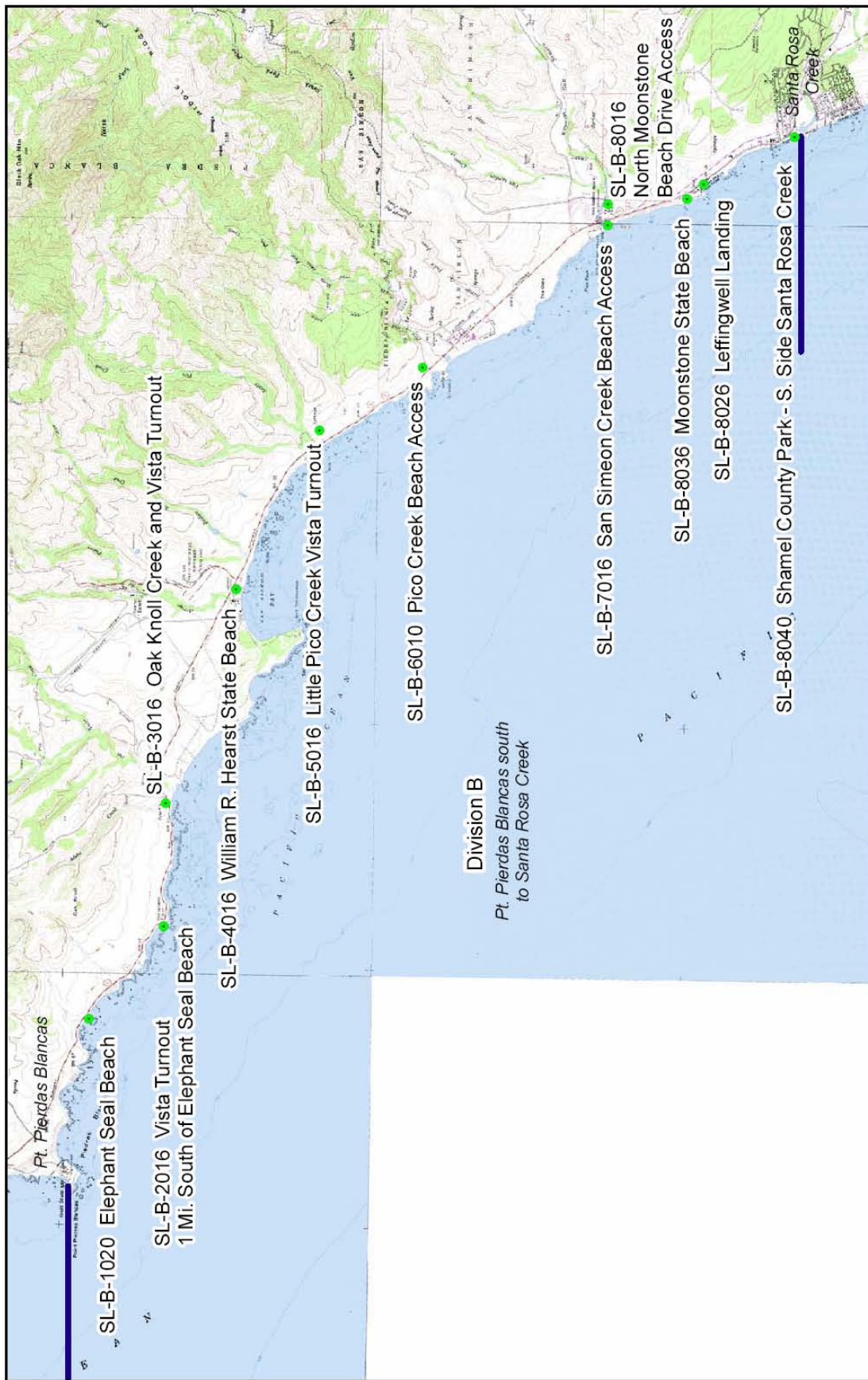


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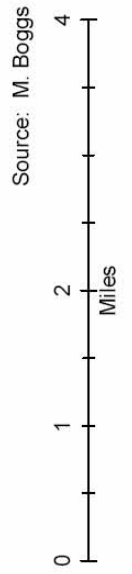
SL-4-4026. Arroyo Del Corral

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SL Division B Information

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Division Boundary North: Pt. Pierdas Blancas

Lat: N 35.66000

Lon: W 121.28000

County: San Luis Obispo**South:** Santa Rosa Creek

Lat: N 35.57000

Lon: W 121.11000

Division Description:

Division B is approximately 14.8 miles. Pocket sandy beaches with rocky cliffs and rocky intertidal habitat with a number of creek inlets/estuaries. Much of this coast is State Park property and is within the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (Santa Rosa Ck is Sanctuary S. boundary).

Cultural, Historical, and Archeological Concerns:

Contact the State Historical Preservation Officer at (916) 653-6624.

Sensitive Sites Within Division: [4-035](#)[4-040](#)[4-045](#)[4-050](#)[4-055](#)[4-060](#)[4-065](#)[4-070](#)[4-075](#)[4-080](#)[4-085](#)**Individual Access Points SL Division B****Access Point: SL - B - 1018 Pt. Pierdas Blancas Lighthouse Beach Access****City:** San Luis Obispo County**Thomas Guide Page:** 324 **Grid:** F5**GPS Coordinates:** N 35.67021 W 121.27742 **USGS Quad:** Pierdas Blancas**Directions:**

Off HWY 1 approximately 8 miles north of San Simeon.

Site Description:

Foot access to pocket beaches north and south of Pt. Pierdas Blancas. BLM access permission required (805) 927-2968 John Bogacki.

Sensitive Sites: [4-035-A](#)[4-040-A](#)

Access Point: SL - B - 1020 Elephant Seal Beach

City: San Luis Obispo County

Thomas Guide Page: 324 *Grid:* F5

GPS Coordinates: N 35.66302 W 121.25766 *USGS Quad:* Pierdas Blancas

Directions:

Off HWY 1 large turnout for elephant seal viewing north to Pt. Pierdas Blancas

Site Description:

Large parking lot with foot access only to the beach, approximately 2 miles south of Pt. Pierdas Blancas (at Pt. Pierdas Blancas call BLM for access (805) 927-2968 John Bogacki). Staging area. Medium grain sand. Elephant seal pupping beach. Within MBNMS

Sensitive Sites: [4-040-A](#) [4-035-A](#)

Access Point: SL - B - 2016 Vista Turnout 1 Mi. South of Elephant Seal Beach,

City: San Luis Obispo County

Thomas Guide Page: 324 *Grid:* F5

GPS Coordinates: N 35.65313 W 121.24227 *USGS Quad:* San Simeon

Directions:

Off HWY 1 vista turnout 1 mile south of Elephant Seal Beach between mile markers 61 and 62

Site Description:

Foot access only. Staging area. Rocky intertidal area just north of Oak Knoll Creek. State Park and within MBNMS.

Sensitive Sites: [4-045-A](#) [4-050-A](#)

Access Point: SL - B - 3016 Oak Knoll Creek and Vista Turnout

City: San Luis Obispo County

Thomas Guide Page: 324 *Grid:* G6

GPS Coordinates: N 35.65306 W 121.22177 *USGS Quad:* San Simeon

Directions:

Off HWY 1 vista turnout, post mile marker for Ck bridge 59.88

Site Description:

Large parking/vista lot. Foot access and ATV w/ permission by State Parks. Staging area. Oak Knoll Creek and medium grain sand beach. Also within MBNMS.

Sensitive Sites: [4-050-A](#) [4-045-A](#)

Access Point: SL - B - 4016 William R. Hearst State Beach

City: San Luis Obispo County

Thomas Guide Page: 324 *Grid:* G6

GPS Coordinates: N 35.64391 W 121.18635 *USGS Quad:* San Simeon

Directions:

Off HWY 1 at William Hearst State Beach

Site Description:

Large parking lot for staging with vehicle/ATV access to the beach with State Park permission and gate access. San Simeon Pier and within MBNMS. Fine to medium sand beach and Arroyo del Puerto Creek.

Sensitive Sites: [4-055-A](#)

Access Point: SL - B - 5016 Little Pico Creek Vista Turnout

City: San Luis Obispo County

Thomas Guide Page: 324 *Grid:* G6

GPS Coordinates: N 35.63294 W 121.15985 *USGS Quad:* San Simeon

Directions:

Off HWY 1 vista turnout 2/10 mile south of Little Pico Creek Bridge

Site Description:

Large parking area for staging. Foot access only to the beach. Fine to medium sand fronting Little Pico Creek. State Park property and within MBNMS. Snowy Plover nesting March-September.

Sensitive Sites: [4-070-A](#) [4-065-A](#)

Access Point: SL - B - 6010 Pico Creek Beach Access

City: San Luis Obispo County

Thomas Guide Page: 324 *Grid:* G6

GPS Coordinates: N 35.62534 W 121.14733 *USGS Quad:* Pico Creek

Directions:

Off HWY 1 and Pico Avenue

Site Description:

Street parking. Stair access and vehicle access. Fine to medium sand fronting Pico Creek. State Park property and within MBNMS. Snowy Plover nesting March-September.

Sensitive Sites: [4-075-A](#) [4-070-A](#)

Access Point: SL - B - 7016 San Simeon Creek Beach Access

City: San Luis Obispo County

Thomas Guide Page: 528 *Grid:* C2

GPS Coordinates: N 35.59446 W 121.12538 *USGS Quad:* Cambria

Directions:

Off HWY 1 and San Simeon Creek Rd. at San Simeon State Beach campground

Site Description:

Large parking area in campground with beach/creek access. State Park property and within MBNMS. Snowy Plover nesting March-September. Fine to medium grained sandy beach.

Sensitive Sites: [4-080-A](#)

Access Point: SL - B - 8016 North Moonstone Beach Drive Access

City: San Luis Obispo County

Thomas Guide Page: 528 *Grid:* C4

GPS Coordinates: N 35.59446 W 121.12185 *USGS Quad:* Cambria

Directions:

Off HWY 1 in Cambria N. end of Moonstone Beach Drive

Site Description:

Street parking with walking path approximately 1/8 mile to top of stairs to beach. State Park property and within MBNMS. Gravel beach.

Sensitive Sites: [4-085-A](#)

Access Point: SL - B - 8026 Leffingwell Landing

City: San Luis Obispo County

Thomas Guide Page: 528 *Grid:* D5

GPS Coordinates: N 35.58178 W 121.11997 *USGS Quad:* Cambria

Directions:

Off HWY 1 in Cambria off Moonstone Beach Drive

Site Description:

Parking lot for staging, restrooms, boat ramp for small skiffs. State Park property and within MBNMS. Gravel pocket beach just north of Santa Rosa Creek.

Sensitive Sites: [4-085-A](#)

Access Point: SL - B - 8036 Moonstone State Beach

City: San Luis Obispo County

Thomas Guide Page: 528 *Grid:* D5

GPS Coordinates: N 35.58185 W 121.11995 *USGS Quad:* Cambria

Directions:

Off HWY 1 in Cambria off Moonstone Beach Drive, State Park parking lot at Moonstone Beach

Site Description:

Parking lot for staging, restrooms. Foot access only. State Park property and within MBNMS. Gravel beach fronting Santa Rosa Creek. If Creek mouth is closed can access beach to the south.

Sensitive Sites: [4-085-A](#)

Access Point: SL - B - 8040 Shamel County Park - S. Side Santa Rosa Creek

City: San Luis Obispo County

Thomas Guide Page: 528 *Grid:* D6

GPS Coordinates: N 35.56636 W 121.10673 *USGS Quad:* Cambria

Directions:

Off HWY 1 in Cambria off at Windsor Blvd. turn west to Park, access path to south side of Santa Rosa Creek at right end of parking lot.

Site Description:

Parking lot in County Park for staging. Restrooms. Foot access only to south side of Santa Rosa Creek and gravel beach. If Creek mouth is closed can access beach to the north.

Sensitive Sites: [4-085-A](#)



SL-B-1020. Elephant Seal Beach. Looking south



SL-B-1020. Elephant Seal Beach. Looking north



SL-B-2016. Vista turnout 1 mile S. of Elephant Seal Beach. Looking south



SL-B-2016. Vista turnout 1 mile S. of Elephant Seal Beach. Looking north



SL-B-3016. Oak Knoll Creek. Looking upstream from estuary



SL-B-3016. Oak Knoll Creek. Estuary looking south



SL-B-3016. Oak Knoll Creek. Looking north from estuary



SL-B-4016. William R. Hearst State Beach Access at Arroyo Del Puerto
Beach access gate



SL-B-4016. William R. Hearst State Beach Access at Arroyo Del Puerto
Estuary and San Simeon Pier



SL-B-4016. William R. Hearst State Beach Access at Arroyo Del Puerto
Looking south.



SL-B-4016. William R. Hearst State Beach Access at Arroyo Del Puerto
Looking north



SL-B-5016. Little Pico Creek Vista Turnout Beach Access. Vista Turnout



SL-B-5016. Little Pico Creek Vista Turnout Beach Access. Hiking path to pocket beach at Little Pico Creek Vista Turnout



SL-B-6010. Pico Creek and Beach Access. Vehicle access path to beach



SL-B-6010. Pico Creek and Beach Access. Stair access to Pico Creek and Beach



SL-B-6010. Pico Creek and Beach Access. Pico Creek estuary and beach



SL-B-6010. Pico Creek and Beach Access. Pico Creek Beach looking south



SL-B-7016. San Simeon Creek and Beach Access. Beach/creek access from south side of bridge



SL-B-7016. San Simeon Creek and Beach Access. Creek/beach access path from San Simeon State Beach Campground



SL-B-7016. San Simeon Creek and Beach Access. San Simeon Creek Estuary



SL-B-7016. San Simeon Creek and Beach Access. San Simeon Creek Beach looking south



SL-B-8016. North Moonstone Beach Access



SL-B-8016. North Moonstone Beach Access



SL-B-8026. Leffingwell Landing Boat Ramp



SL-B-8026. North Moonstone Beach Stair Beach Access



SL-B-8036. Moonstone State Beach & Santa Rosa Creek Access. Walking path to beach

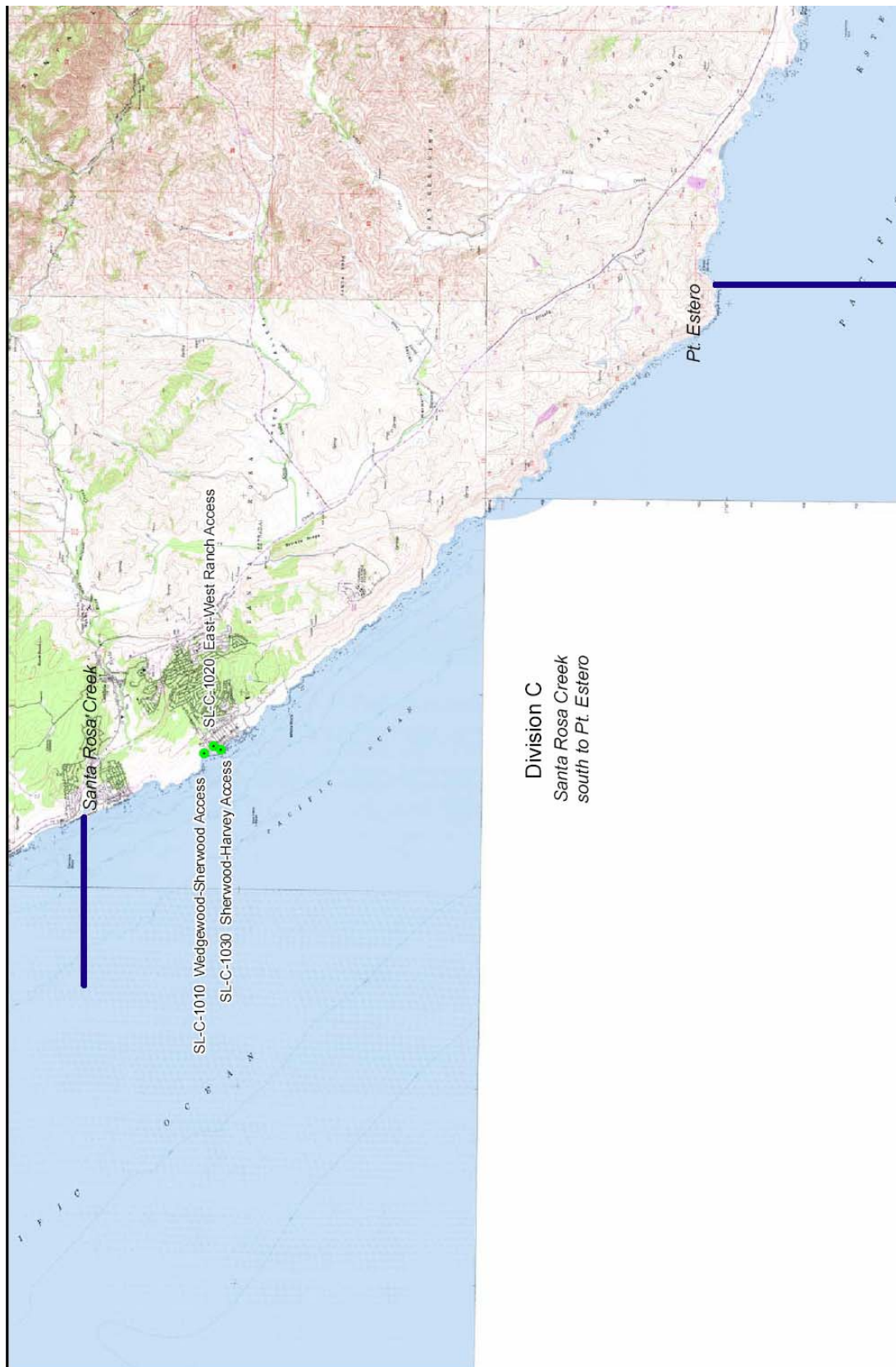


SL-B-8036. Moonstone State Beach and Santa Rosa Creek Estuary



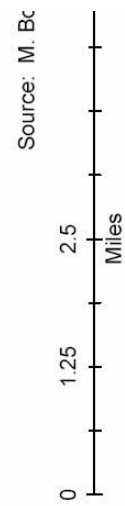
SL-B-8040. Shamel County Park Beach Access – South side of Santa Rosa Creek

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SL Division C Information**Division Boundary North:** Santa Rosa Creek

Last Page Update: 4/12/2005

Lat: N 35.57000

Lon: W 121.11000

County: San Luis Obispo**South:** Pt. Estero

Lat: N 35.46000

Lon: W 121.00000

Division Description:

Division C is approximately 10 miles. Pocket sandy beaches with rocky cliffs and rocky intertidal habitat with a number of creek inlets/estuaries. Much of this coast is State Park property

Cultural, Historical, and Archeological Concerns:

Contact the State Historical Preservation Officer at (916) 653-6624.

Sensitive Sites Within Division: [4-100](#)[4-105](#)[4-110](#)**Individual Access Points SL Division C****Access Point: SL - C - 1010 Wedgewood-Sherwood Access****City:** San Luis Obispo County**Thomas Guide Page:** 548 **Grid:** F2**GPS Coordinates:** N 35.54369 W 121.09735 **USGS Quad:** Cambria**Directions:**

Off HWY 1 in Cambria go west on Adrath Dr, Right on Maddison St., Left on Orlando Dr., Right on Sherwood, Right to Wedgewood

Site Description:

Street parking in residential neighborhood. Stair (foot) access to small pocket gravel beach.

Sensitive Sites:**Access Point: SL - C - 1020 East-West Ranch Access****City:** San Luis Obispo County**Thomas Guide Page:** 548 **Grid:** F2**GPS Coordinates:** N 35.54713 W 121.09730 **USGS Quad:** Cambria**Directions:**

Off HWY 1 in Cambria go west on Adrath Dr, Right on Maddison St., Left on Orlando Dr., Right on Sherwood, Right to Wedgewood

Site Description:

Street parking in residential neighborhood. Access to ranch with hiking trails with a couple foot paths to pocket beaches.

Sensitive Sites:

Access Point: SL - C - 1030 Sherwood-Harvey Access

City: San Luis Obispo County

Thomas Guide Page: 548 **Grid:** F2

GPS Coordinates: N 35.56932 W 121.11067 **USGS Quad:** Cambria

Directions:

Off HWY 1 in Cambria go west on Adrath Dr, Right on Maddison St., Left on Drake, Left on Sherwood to Harvey St.

Site Description:

Street parking in residential neighborhood. Stair (foot) access to small pocket gravel beach.

Sensitive Sites:



SL-C-1010. Wedgewood-Sherwood Beach Access



SL-C-1010. Wedgewood-Sherwood Beach Access



SL-C-1020. East West Ranch Beach Access



SL-C-1020. East West Ranch Beach Access

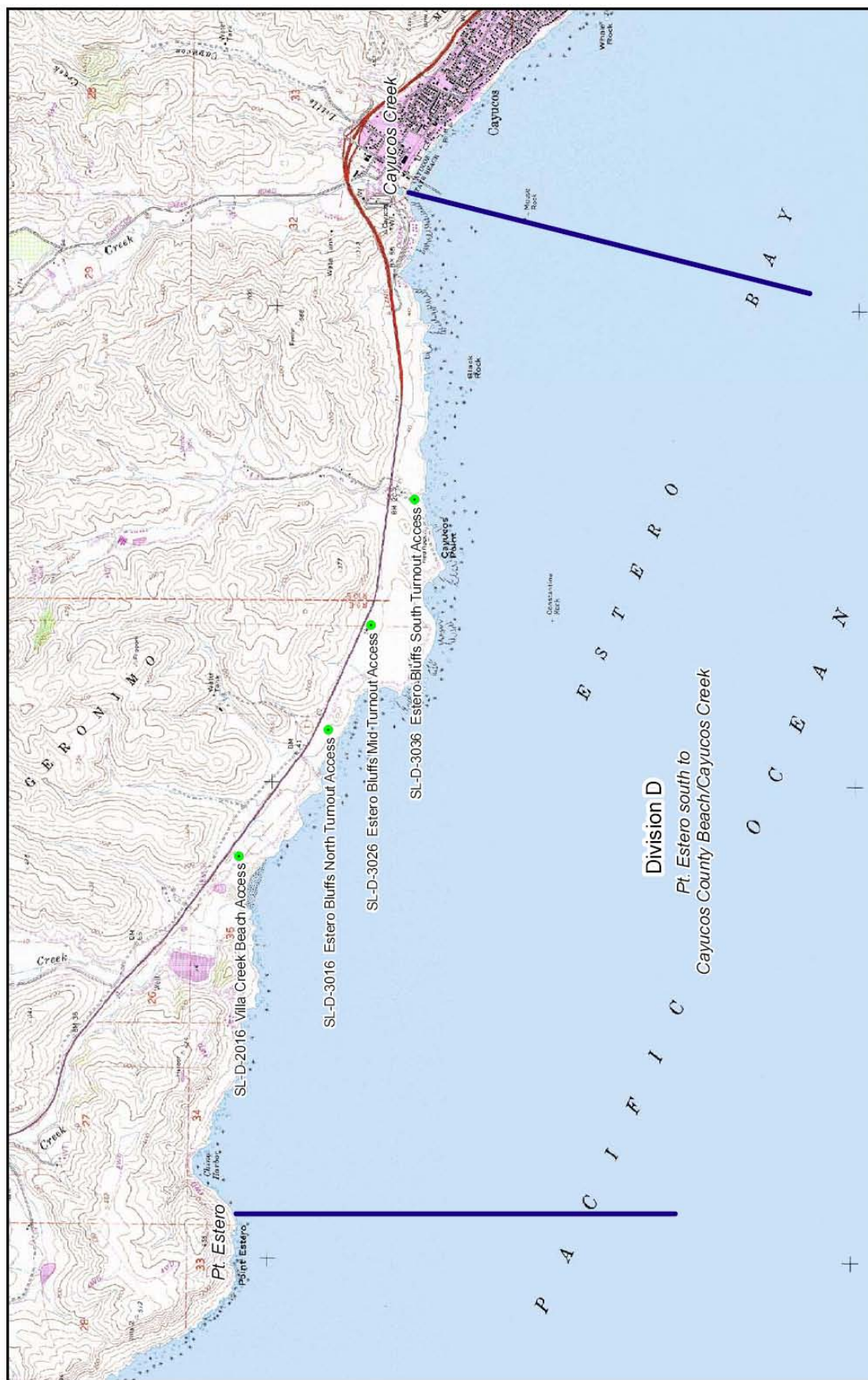


SL-C-1030. Sherwood-Harvey Beach Access in Cambria



SL-C-1030. Sherwood-Harvey Beach Access in Cambria

San Luis Obispo (SL) County Access Points



Legend

- Division Lines
- Beach Access

Source: M. Boggs

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SL Division D Information

Last Page Update: 4/12/2005

Division Boundary North: Pt. Estero

Lat: N 35.46000

Lon: W 121.00000

County: San Luis Obispo**South:** Cayucos Creek/Cayucos County Beach

Lat: N 35.45000

Lon: W 120.91000

Division Description:

Division D is approximately 6 miles. Long stretches of sandy beaches interrupted by areas of rocky intertidal, and headlands.

Cultural, Historical, and Archeological Concerns:

Contact the State Historical Preservation Officer at (916) 653-6624.

Sensitive Sites Within Division: [4-115](#)[4-120](#)[4-125](#)**Individual Access Points SL Division D****Access Point: SL - D - 2016 Villa Creek Beach Access****City:** San Luis Obispo County**Thomas Guide Page:** 324 **Grid:** K9**GPS Coordinates:** N 35.46067 W 120.96491 **USGS Quad:** Cayucos**Directions:**

Off HWY 1 approximately 4 miles north of Cayucos, Villa Creek Bridge post mile marker is 40.29. Turnout for parking/access is 1/2 mile south of creek.

Site Description:

Turnout for parking and staging. Access to beach and creek through barbed wire fence. Medium to coarse grain sandy beach. Foot or ATV access with State Park permission. Snowy Plover nesting March-Sept

Sensitive Sites: [4-115-A](#)**Access Point: SL - D - 3016 Estero Bluffs North Turnout Access****City:** San Luis Obispo County**Thomas Guide Page:** 590 **Grid:** D1**GPS Coordinates:** N 35.45435 W 120.95380 **USGS Quad:** Cayucos**Directions:**

Off HWY 1 approximately 3 miles north of Cayucos and 1 1/4 mile south of Villa Creek is vista turnout for parking.

Site Description:

Turnout for parking and staging, hike approximately 1/4 mile to bluff top for precarious access to pocket beaches from cliffs at low tide. Part of Estero Bluffs State Beach

Sensitive Sites: [4-120-B](#)

Access Point: SL - D - 3026 Estero Bluffs Mid Turnout Access

City: San Luis Obispo County

Thomas Guide Page: 590 *Grid:* E2

GPS Coordinates: N 35.45139 W 120.94457 *USGS Quad:* Cayucos

Directions:

Off HWY 1 approximately 2.5 miles north of Cayucos is vista turnout for parking.

Site Description:

Turnout for parking and staging, hike approximately 1/4 mile to bluff top for precarious access to pocket beaches from cliffs at low tide. Part of Estero Bluffs State Beach.

Sensitive Sites: [4-120-B](#)

Access Point: SL - D - 3036 Estero Bluffs South Turnout Access

City: San Luis Obispo County

Thomas Guide Page: 590 *Grid:* F2

GPS Coordinates: N 35.44798 W 120.93356 *USGS Quad:* Cayucos

Directions:

Off HWY 1 approximately 2 miles north of Cayucos is vista turnout for parking across from San Germino cross street.

Site Description:

Turnout for parking and staging, hike approximately 1/4 mile to bluff top for precarious access to pocket beaches from cliffs at low tide. Part of Estero Bluffs State Beach.

Sensitive Sites: [4-120-B](#)



SL-D-2016. Gate and path to Villa Creek and Beach



SL-D-2016. Villa Creek Estuary



SL-D-2016. Villa Creek Beach looking south



SL-D-3016. Estero Bluffs North Turnout Beach Access, entrance gate to bluffs



SL-D-3016. Estero Bluffs North Turnout Beach Access, path from turnout to beach cliffs



SL-D-3016. Estero Bluffs North Turnout Beach Access, access path to beach (foot access only; somewhat precarious)



SL-D-3026. Estero Bluffs Mid Vista Turnout



SL-D-3026. Estero Bluffs Mid Vista Turnout beach access

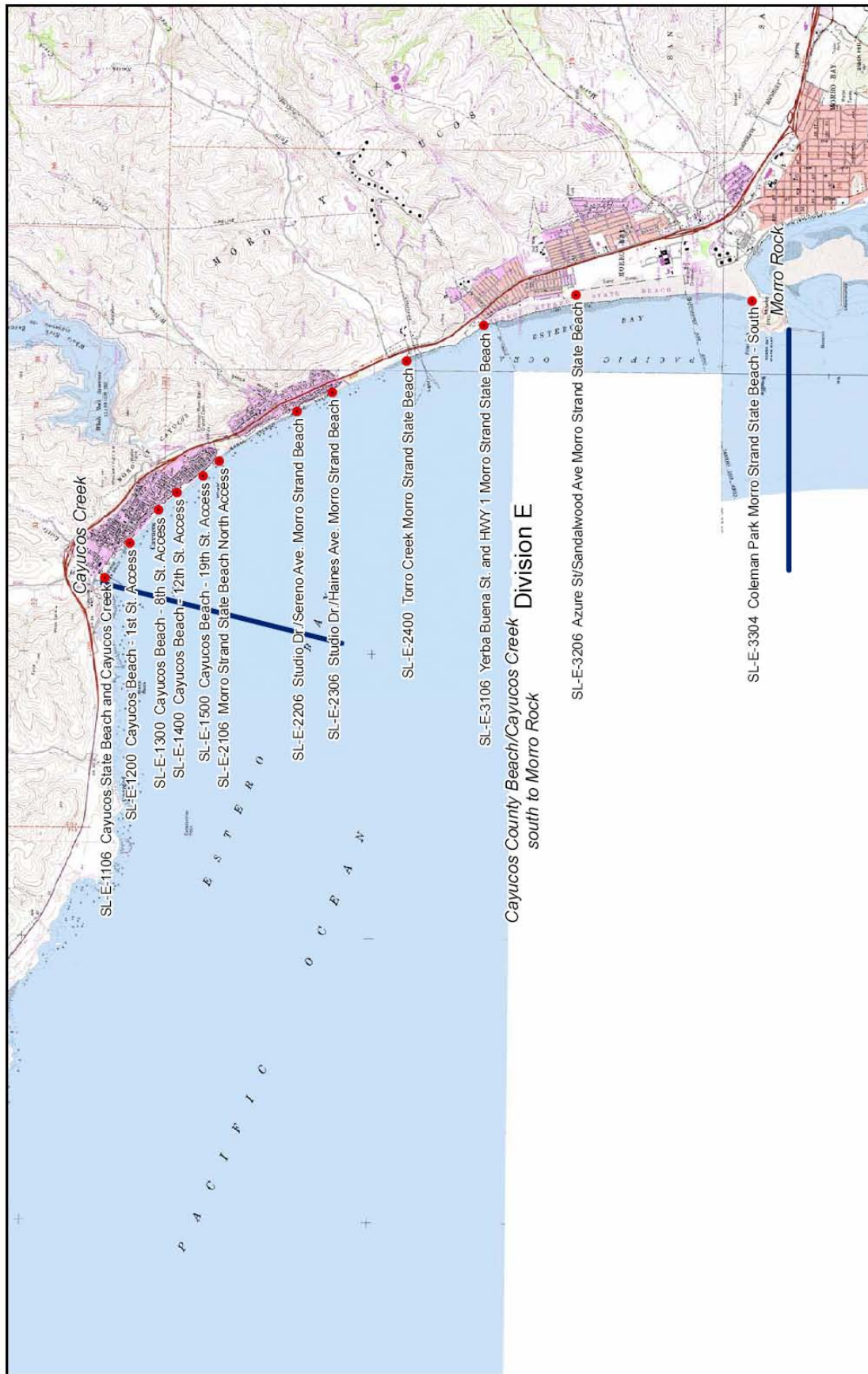


SL-D-3036. Estero Bluffs South Turnout Beach Access, access gate



SL-D-3036. Estero Bluffs South Turnout Beach Access. Walking path to beach from bluff top (somewhat precarious)

San Luis Obispo (SL) County Access Points



SL Division E Information

Last Page Update: 4/12/2005

Division Boundary North: Cayucos Creek/Cayucos County Beach

Lat: N 35.45000

Lon: W 120.91000

County: San Luis Obispo**South:** Morro Rock

Lat: N 35.37000

Lon: W 120.86000

Division Description:

Division E is approximately 7 miles, long stretches of sandy beaches (State Parks and Recreation) with rocky outcrops and rocky intertidal habitat. Sandy beaches are Snowy Plover nesting beaches March-September.

Cultural, Historical, and Archeological Concerns:

Contact the State Historical Preservation Officer at (916) 653-6624.

Sensitive Sites Within Division: [4-130](#)[4-135](#)[4-140](#)[4-145](#)[4-150](#)**Individual Access Points SL Division E****Access Point: SL - E - 1106 Cayucos State Beach & Cayucos Creek***City:* Cayucos*Thomas Guide Page:* 590 *Grid:* J2*GPS Coordinates:* N 35.44940 W 120.90718 *USGS Quad:* Cayucos***Directions:***

Off HWY 1 to Cayucos Drive exit go west 1/4 mile to beach.

Site Description:

Street parking and parking lot available. Vehicle/ATV access possible with State Parks permission. Fine to medium grained sandy beach. Access to Cayucos Creek.

Sensitive Sites: [4-125-A](#) [4-120-B](#)**Access Point: SL - E - 1200 Cayucos Beach - 1st St. Access***City:* Cayucos*Thomas Guide Page:* 591 *Grid:* A2*GPS Coordinates:* N 35.44579 W 120.90067 *USGS Quad:* Cayucos***Directions:***

Off HWY 1 in Cayucos exit 13th St. go west to Pacific Ave, turn Right to 1st Street.

Site Description:

Street parking in residential neighborhood. Stair access to beach. Fine to medium grained sandy beach.

Sensitive Sites: [4-130-A](#)

Access Point: SL - E - 1300 Cayucos Beach - 8th St. Access

City: Cayucos

Thomas Guide Page: 591 *Grid:* A2

GPS Coordinates: N 35.44242 W 120.89588 *USGS Quad:* Cayucos

Directions:

Off HWY 1 in Cayucos exit 13th St. go west to Pacific Ave, turn Right to 8th Street.

Site Description:

Street parking in residential neighborhood. Stair access to beach. Fine to medium grained sandy beach.

Sensitive Sites: [4-130-A](#)

Access Point: SL - E - 1400 Cayucos Beach - 12th St. Access

City: Cayucos

Thomas Guide Page: 591 *Grid:* A3

GPS Coordinates: N 35.44022 W 120.89323 *USGS Quad:* Cayucos

Directions:

Off HWY 1 in Cayucos exit 13th St. go west to Pacific Ave, turn Right to 12th Street.

Site Description:

Street parking in residential neighborhood. Stair access to beach. Fine to medium grained sandy beach.

Sensitive Sites: [4-130-A](#)

Access Point: SL - E - 1500 Cayucos Beach - 19th St. Access

City: Cayucos

Thomas Guide Page: 591 *Grid:* B3

GPS Coordinates: N 35.43710 W 120.89071 *USGS Quad:* Cayucos

Directions:

Off HWY 1 in Cayucos exit 13th St. go west to Pacific Ave, turn Left to 19th Street.

Site Description:

Street parking in residential neighborhood. Stair access to beach. Fine to medium grained sandy beach.

Sensitive Sites: [4-130-A](#)

Access Point: SL - E - 2106 Morro Strand State Beach North Access

City: Cayucos

Thomas Guide Page: 591 *Grid:* B3

GPS Coordinates: N 35.43519 W 120.88855 *USGS Quad:* Cayucos

Directions:

Off HWY 1 southern Cayucos exit 24th Street go west to Pacific to State Beach parking lot.

Site Description:

Morro Strand State Beach. Parking lot. Possible 4-wheel drive/ATV access over vegetated berm to beach with State Park permission. Fine to medium grained sandy beach.

Sensitive Sites: [4-130-A](#)

Access Point: SL - E - 2206 Studio Dr./Sereno Ave. Morro Strand Beach

City: Cayucos

Thomas Guide Page: 591 *Grid:* C5

GPS Coordinates: N 35.42598 W 120.88121 *USGS Quad:* Cayucos

Directions:

Off HYW 1 southern Cayucos exit Studio Drive, take Studio Drive south to El Sereno Ave.

Site Description:

Street parking in residential neighborhood. Stair access to Morro Strand State Beach. Fine to medium grained sandy beach.

Sensitive Sites: [4-130-A](#)

Access Point: SL - E - 2306 Studio Dr./Haines Ave. Morro Strand Beach

City: Cayucos

Thomas Guide Page: 591 *Grid:* C5

GPS Coordinates: N 35.42170 W 120.87836 *USGS Quad:* Cayucos

Directions:

Off HYW 1 southern Cayucos exit Studio Drive, take Studio Drive south to Haines Ave.

Site Description:

Street parking in residential neighborhood. Stair access to Morro Strand State Beach. Fine to medium grained sandy beach.

Sensitive Sites: [4-130-A](#)

Access Point: SL - E - 2400 Torro Creek Morro Strand State Beach

City: San Luis Obispo County

Thomas Guide Page: 591 *Grid:* D7

GPS Coordinates: N 35.41288 W 120.87364 *USGS Quad:* Morro Bay North

Directions:

Off HWY 1 turnout approximately 5 miles north of Morro Bay across from Chevron Terminal office 4000 HWY 1

Site Description:

Limited parking along turnout, access through whole in highway fence to Morro Strand State Beach and Torro Creek. Fine to medium grained sandy beach.

Sensitive Sites: [4-135-A](#) [4-140-A](#)

Access Point: SL - E - 3106 Yerba Buena St. and HWY 1 Morro Strand State Beach

City: Morro Bay

Thomas Guide Page: 611 *Grid:* D1

GPS Coordinates: N 35.40369 W 120.86836 *USGS Quad:* Morro Bay North

Directions:

Off HWY 1 take Yerba Buena exit (northern Morro Bay exit) go west to Morro Strand State Beach entrance.

Site Description:

State Park campground, restrooms, staging, foot or ATV access with State Park permission. Snowy Plover nesting March-September. Fine to medium grained sandy beach.

Sensitive Sites: [4-140-A](#)

Access Point: SL - E - 3206 Azure St/Sandalwood Ave Morro Strand State Beach

City: Morro Bay

Thomas Guide Page: 611 **Grid:** E2

GPS Coordinates: N 35.39265 W 120.86375 **USGS Quad:** Morro Bay South

Directions:

Off HWY 1 take San Jacinto St. exit go west to Morro Strand State Beach entrance.

Site Description:

State Park day use area, staging, restrooms, parking. Foot or ATV access with State Park permission, from parking lot path through vegetated dunes to beach approximately 1/8 mile. Snowy Plover nesting March-September. Fine to medium grained sandy beach.

Sensitive Sites: [4-140-A](#) [4-145-A](#)

Access Point: SL - E - 3304 Coleman Park Morro Strand State Beach - South

City: Morro Bay

Thomas Guide Page: 611 **Grid:** E5

GPS Coordinates: N 35.37155 W 120.86433 **USGS Quad:** Morro Bay South

Directions:

Off HWY 1 take Morro Bay Blvd. exit go west, right on Main St., left on Beach St., Right on Embarcadero to park just east of Morro Rock

Site Description:

State Park day use area, staging, restrooms, parking. Vehicle or ATV access with State Park permission. Snowy Plover nesting March-September. Fine to medium grained sandy beach. Can also access rip rap harbor channel on S. side of Coleman Drive.

Sensitive Sites: [4-145-A](#) [4-150-A](#) [4-200-A](#)



SL-E-1106. Cayucos State Beach and Cayucos Creek Access



SL-E-1106. Cayucos State Beach and Cayucos Creek Access, Cayucos Creek mouth



SL-E-1200. Cayucos Beach 1st Street Beach Access



SL-E-1200. Cayucos Beach 1st Street Beach Access



SL-E-1300. Cayucos Beach 8th Street Beach Access, path to stairs to beach



SL-E-1300. Cayucos Beach 8th Street Beach Access



SL-E-1400. Cayucos Beach 12th Street Beach Access



SL-E-1400. Cayucos Beach 12th Street Beach Access



SL-E-1500. Cayucos Beach 19th Street Beach Access, path to stairs to beach



SL-E-2106. North Morro Strand State Beach – 24th St. and Pacific St. Beach Access



SL-E-2106. North Morro Strand State Beach – 24th St. and Pacific St. Beach Access
North Morro Strand State Beach looking south



SL-E-2206. Morro Strand State Beach Studio Dr. and Sereno Ave. Beach Access



SL-E-2206. Morro Strand State Beach Studio Dr. and Sereno Ave. Beach Access



SL-E-2306, Morro Strand State Beach Studio Dr. and Haines Ave. Beach Access



SL-E-2306, Morro Strand State Beach Studio Dr. and Haines Ave. Beach Access



SL-E-2400. Torro Creek Beach Access, access path through gate off HWY 1



SL-E-2400. Torro Creek Beach Access, Torro Creek Beach looking south.



SL-E-2400. Torro Creek Beach Access. Torro Creek looking upstream



SL-E-3106 Morro Strand State Beach – Yerba Buena Street Beach Access



SL-E-3106 Morro Strand State Beach – Yerba Buena Street Beach Access



SL-E-3206 Morro Strand State Beach Azure St. and Sandalwood Ave. Beach Access
Parking lot



SL-E-3206 Morro Strand State Beach Azure St. and Sandalwood Ave. Beach Access
Path to beach



SL-E-3206 Morro Strand State Beach Azure St. and Sandalwood Ave. Beach Access
Morro Strand State Beach looking south

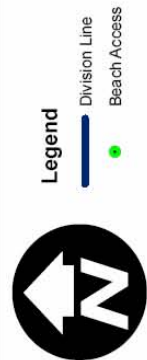
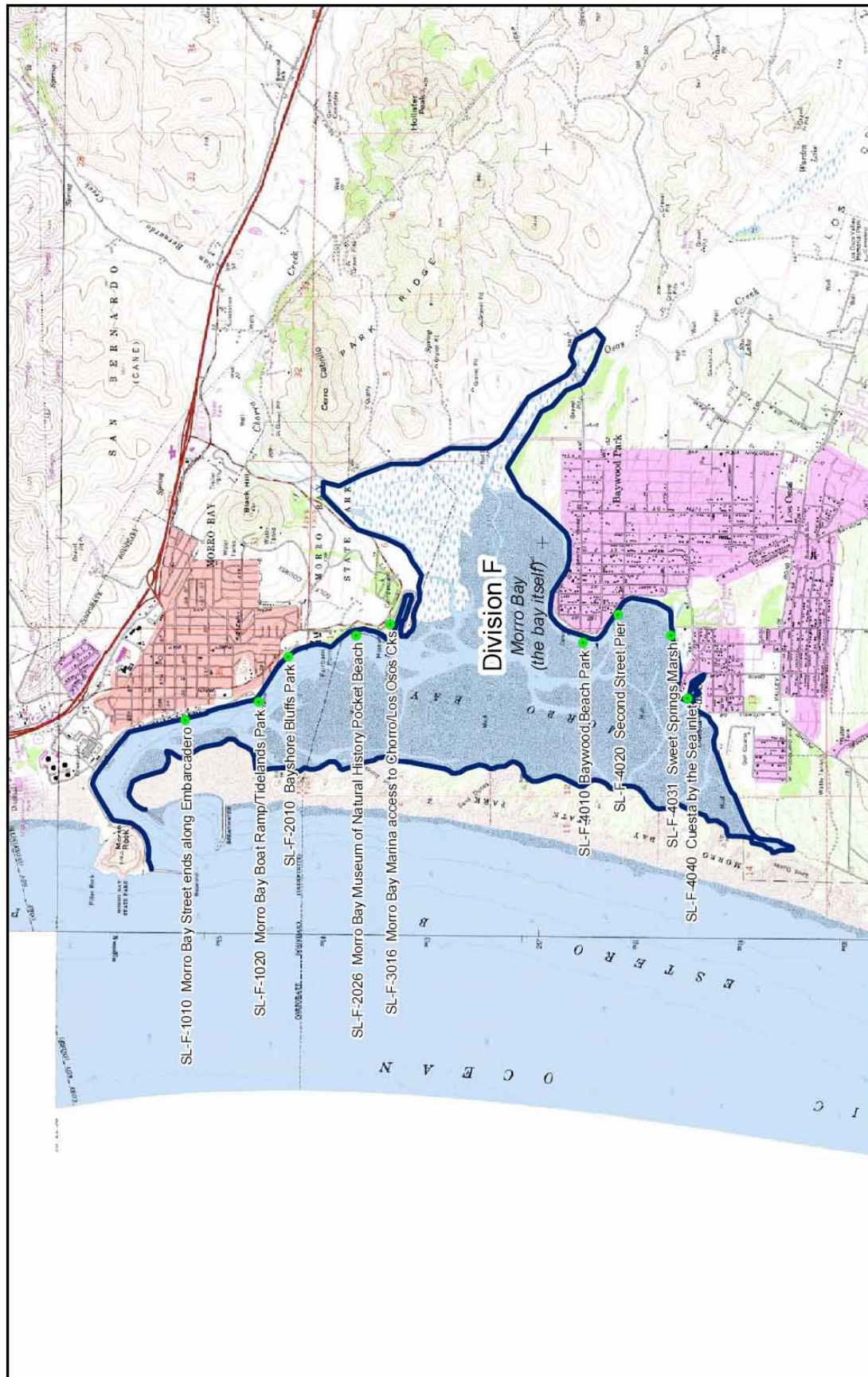


SL-E-3304. Morro Strand State Beach South – Coleman Park Beach Access



SL-E-3304. Morro Strand State Beach South – Coleman Park Beach Access

San Luis Obispo (SL) County Access Points



Legend

- Division Line
- Beach Access

Source: M. Boggs

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SL Division F Information**Division Boundary North:** Morro Bay Inlet**County:** San Luis Obispo**South:** Morro Bay Back Bay

Last Page Update: 4/12/2005

Lat: N 35.37000

Lon: W 120.87000

Lat: N 35.31000

Lon: W 120.87000

Division Description:

Division F is Morro Bay which includes Los Osos and Chorro Creeks. The bay shoreline is approximately 12.5 miles long.

Cultural, Historical, and Archeological Concerns:

Contact the State Historical Preservation Officer at (916) 653-6624.

Sensitive Sites Within Division: [4-200](#)[4-205](#)[4-210](#)[4-215](#)[4-220](#)[4-225](#)[4-230](#)[4-235](#)[4-240](#)**Individual Access Points SL Division F****Access Point: SL - F - 1010 Morro Bay Street ends along Embarcadero****City:** Morro Bay**Thomas Guide Page:** 611 **Grid:****GPS Coordinates:** N 35.36412 W 120.85250 **USGS Quad:** Morro Bay South**Directions:**

Off HWY 1 take Morro Bay Blvd. exit go west, right on Main St., left on Beach St., Left on Embarcadero

Site Description:

All street ends along Embarcadero between Beach and Anchor Streets lead to the bay for viewing only no beach access except for some docks.

Sensitive Sites: [4-200-A](#)**Access Point: SL - F - 1020 Morro Bay Boat Ramp/Tidelands Park****City:** Morro Bay**Thomas Guide Page:** 611 **Grid:** F7**GPS Coordinates:** N 35.35780 W 120.85051 **USGS Quad:** Morro Bay South**Directions:**

Off HWY 1 take Morro Bay Blvd. exit go west, left on Main St., right on Pacific St., Left on Embarcadero all the way to the end

Site Description:

Boat ramp in Morro Bay. Access to small dock area.

Sensitive Sites: [4-200-A](#)

Access Point: SL - F - 2010 Bayshore Bluffs Park

City: Morro Bay

Thomas Guide Page: 631 *Grid:* G1

GPS Coordinates: N 35.35526 W 120.84571 *USGS Quad:* Morro Bay South

Directions:

Off HWY 1 take Morro Bay Blvd. exit go west, left on Main St. through town to Bayshore Drive , right into park.

From Los Osos take South Bay Blvd., L on State Park Rd. to Bayshore Dr.

Site Description:

Small park area within back bay of Morro Bay with access to small pocket beach.

Sensitive Sites: [4-200-A](#)

Access Point: SL - F - 2026 Morro Bay Museum of Natural History Pocket Beach

City: Morro Bay

Thomas Guide Page: 631 *Grid:* G1

GPS Coordinates: N 35.34943 W 120.84336 *USGS Quad:* Morro Bay South

Directions:

Off HWY 1 take Morro Bay Blvd. exit go west, left on Main St. through town, turns into State Park Rd. to just north of Natural History Museum is pocket beach with parking. From Los Osos take South Bay Blvd., L on State Park Rd just past museum.

Site Description:

Small pocket beach within back bay of Morro Bay with access to bay shoreline at low tide. Small parking area across from golf course.

Sensitive Sites: [4-200-A](#)

Access Point: SL - F - 3016 Morro Bay Marina access to Chorro/Los Osos Cks

City: Morro Bay

Thomas Guide Page: 631 *Grid:* G2

GPS Coordinates: N 35.34647 W 120.84214 *USGS Quad:* Morro Bay South

Directions:

Off HWY 1 take Morro Bay Blvd. exit go west, left on Main St. through town, turns into State Park Rd. to Marina, across from golf course; from Los Osos take South Bay Blvd., L on State Park Rd approx. 1.5 miles to marina

Site Description:

Access to marina, boat docks; and from south end of marina parking lot is a hiking trail that at low tide can access mudflats in back bay of Morro Bay and Chorro and Los Osos Creek mouths; large parking lot for staging.

Sensitive Sites: [4-215-A](#) [4-220-A](#) [4-225-A](#)

Access Point: SL - F - 4010 Baywood Beach Park

City: Los Osos

Thomas Guide Page: 631 *Grid:* G4

GPS Coordinates: N 35.32978 W 120.84396 *USGS Quad:* Morro Bay South

Directions:

From Morro Bay take Main St through town which turns into State Park Rd, R. on South Bay Blvd, R. on Santa Ysabel to Pasadena Dr. From SLO take HWY 101 off at Los Osos Valley Rd. for approx. 9 miles, R. on South Bay Blvd, L. on Santa Ysabel, to Pasadena

Site Description:

Foot access down path to pocket sandy beach in back bay of Morro Bay. Can walk along mudflats at low tide. Street parking. Residential neighborhood.

Sensitive Sites: [4-220-A](#) [4-225-A](#) [4-235-A](#)

Access Point: SL - F - 4020 Second Street Pier

City: Los Osos

Thomas Guide Page: 631 *Grid:* G4

GPS Coordinates: N 35.32676 W 120.84095 *USGS Quad:* Morro Bay South

Directions:

From Morro Bay take Main St through town which turns into State Park Rd, R. on South Bay Blvd, R. on Santa Ysabel, L on 2nd. From SLO take HWY 101 off at Los Osos Valley Rd. for approx. 9 miles, R. on South Bay Blvd, L. on Santa Ysabel, L on 2nd

Site Description:

Foot access down to pocket sandy beach in back bay of Morro Bay. Street parking.

Sensitive Sites: [4-235-A](#) [4-220-A](#) [4-225-A](#)

Access Point: SL - F - 4031 Sweet Springs Marsh

City: Los Osos

Thomas Guide Page: 631 *Grid:* G5

GPS Coordinates: N 35.32218 W 120.84308 *USGS Quad:* Morro Bay South

Directions:

From Morro Bay Main St turns into State Park Rd, R. on South Bay Blvd, R. on Santa Ysabel, L on 7th, R on Ramona. From SLO take HWY 101 off at Los Osos Valley Rd. for approx. 9 miles, R. on Pine to Ramona

Site Description:

Nature Reserve managed by Audubon Society. Hiking path from street to back bay, foot access only. Can access beach at low tide.

Sensitive Sites: [4-235-A](#) [4-220-A](#)

Access Point: SL - F - 4040 Cuesta by the Sea Inlet

City: Los Osos

Thomas Guide Page: 631 *Grid:* F5

GPS Coordinates: N 35.03071 W 120.61981 *USGS Quad:* Morro Bay South

Directions:

From Morro Bay take Main St which turns into State Park Rd, R. on South Bay Blvd, R. on Santa Ysabel, L on 7th, R on Ramona, to Lupine. From SLO HWY 101 off at Los Osos Valley Rd. for approx. 9 miles, R on Pine Ave, L on Ramona, R on Mitchel, L on Lupine

Site Description:

Small pocket cove in back bay of Morro Bay in residential neighborhood. Limited street parking. Foot access only or Kayak.

Sensitive Sites: [4-235-A](#) [4-220-A](#)



SL-F-1010. Morro Bay Street Ends Along Embarcadero



SL-F-1020. Morro Bay Boat Ramp



SL-F-1020. Morro Bay Boat Ramp. Limited shoreline access



SL-F-2010. Bayshore Bluffs Beach Access



SL-F-2010. Bayshore Bluffs Beach Access



SL-F-2010. Bayshore Bluffs Beach Access



SL-F-2010. Bayshore Bluffs Beach Access. Pocket beach



SL-F-2026. Morro Bay Natural History Museum Pocket Beach Access



SL-F-2026. Morro Bay Natural History Museum Pocket Beach Access



SL-F-3016. Morro Bay Marina and Trail to Chorro and Los Osos Creek Mouths and Marsh Habitat in Back Bay



SL-F-3016. Morro Bay Marina and Trail to Chorro and Los Osos Creek Mouths and Marsh Habitat in Back Bay. South shoreline of Marina looking north



SL-F-3016. Morro Bay Marina and Trail to Chorro and Los Osos Creek Mouths and Marsh Habitat in Back Bay. Path at south end of Marina parking lot, path to creek mouths and marsh habitat and mudflats



SL-F-3016. Morro Bay Marina and Trail to Chorro and Los Osos Creek Mouths and Marsh Habitat in Back Bay. Mudflats and marsh in back bay.



SL-F-4010. Baywood Beach Park Access. Small parking area to path to beach



SL-F-4010. Baywood Beach Park Access. Beach access from Baywood Beach Park



SL-F-4020. Second Street Pier Beach Access in Los Osos



SL-F-4020. Second Street Pier Beach Access in Los Osos



SL-F-4031. Sweet Springs Marsh Beach Access. Path to marsh and shoreline



SL-F-4031. Sweet Springs Marsh Beach Access. Path to marsh and shoreline



SL-F-4031. Sweet Springs Marsh Beach Access.



SL-F-4031. Sweet Springs Marsh

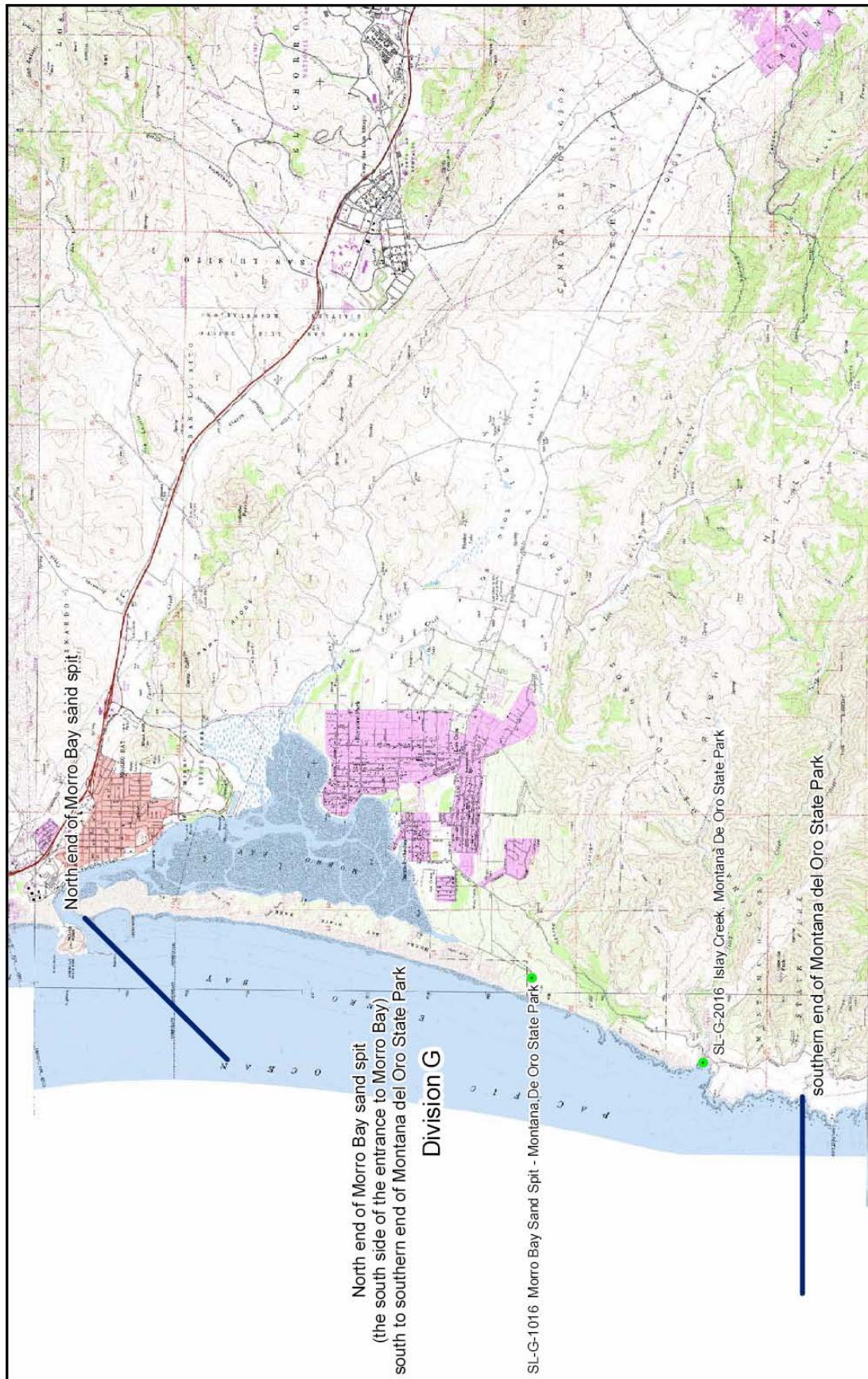


SL-F-4040. Cuesta By The Sea Inlet Beach Access. Path to shoreline



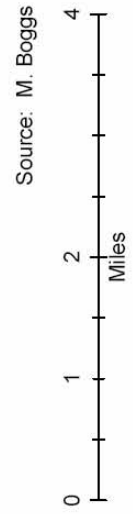
SL-F-4040. Cuesta By The Sea Inlet Beach Access. Cuesta By The Sea inlet and shoreline

San Luis Obispo (SL) County Access Points



Legend

- Division Line
- Beach Access



SL Division G Information

Last Page Update: 4/12/2005

Division Boundary North: North End of Morro Bay Sand Spit

Lat: N 35.37000

Lon: W 120.87000

County: San Luis Obispo**South:** Montana De Oro State Park (S. end)

Lat: N 35.26000

Lon: W 120.89000

Division Description:

Division G is approximately 8.3 miles and includes the Morro Bay Sand Spit south to Montana de Oro - all State Park property. Long stretch of fine-medium grain sandy beaches. Snowy Plover nesting March-September.

Cultural, Historical, and Archeological Concerns:

Contact the State Historical Preservation Officer at (916) 653-6624.

Sensitive Sites Within Division: [4-300](#)[4-305](#)[4-310](#)**Individual Access Points SL Division G****Access Point: SL - G - 1016 Morro Bay Sand Spit - Montana De Oro State Park****City:** San Luis Obispo County**Thomas Guide Page:** 611 **Grid:****GPS Coordinates:** N 35.30044 W 120.87233 **USGS Quad:** Morro Bay South**Directions:**

From Morro Bay take Main St turns into State Park Rd, R. on South Bay Blvd, R. on Los Osos Valley Rd turns into Pecho Valley Rd to Sand Spit Access Rd. From SLO HWY 101 off at Los Osos Valley Rd. for approx.10 miles, to Sand Spit Beach Access Day Use

Site Description:

Foot access via hiking path from Day Use parking lot, approx. 1/5 mile. ATV or vehicle access for very soft sand with State Park permission and access through locked gate. March-Sept. Snowy Plover nesting

Sensitive Sites: [4-300-A](#) [4-220-A](#) [4-225-A](#)**Access Point: SL - G - 2016 Islay Creek, Montana De Oro State Park****City:** San Luis Obispo County**Thomas Guide Page:** 651 **Grid:** B4**GPS Coordinates:** N 35.27472 W 120.88761 **USGS Quad:** Morro Bay South**Directions:**

From Morro Bay take Main St turns into State Park Rd, R. on South Bay Blvd, R. on Los Osos Valley Rd turns to Pecho Valley Rd to end to MDO Park From SLO HWY 101 off at Los Osos Valley Rd. for approx.10 miles (turns to Pecho Valley Rd) to end to MDO Park

Site Description:

Foot access to small gravel pocket beach and Islay Creek. Parking, restrooms, campground.

Sensitive Sites: [4-310-A](#)



SL-G-1016. Morro Bay Sand Spit Beach Access. Parking lot and Vehicle/ATV beach access gate



SL-G-1016. Morro Bay Sand Spit Beach Access. Hiking path to Sand Spit

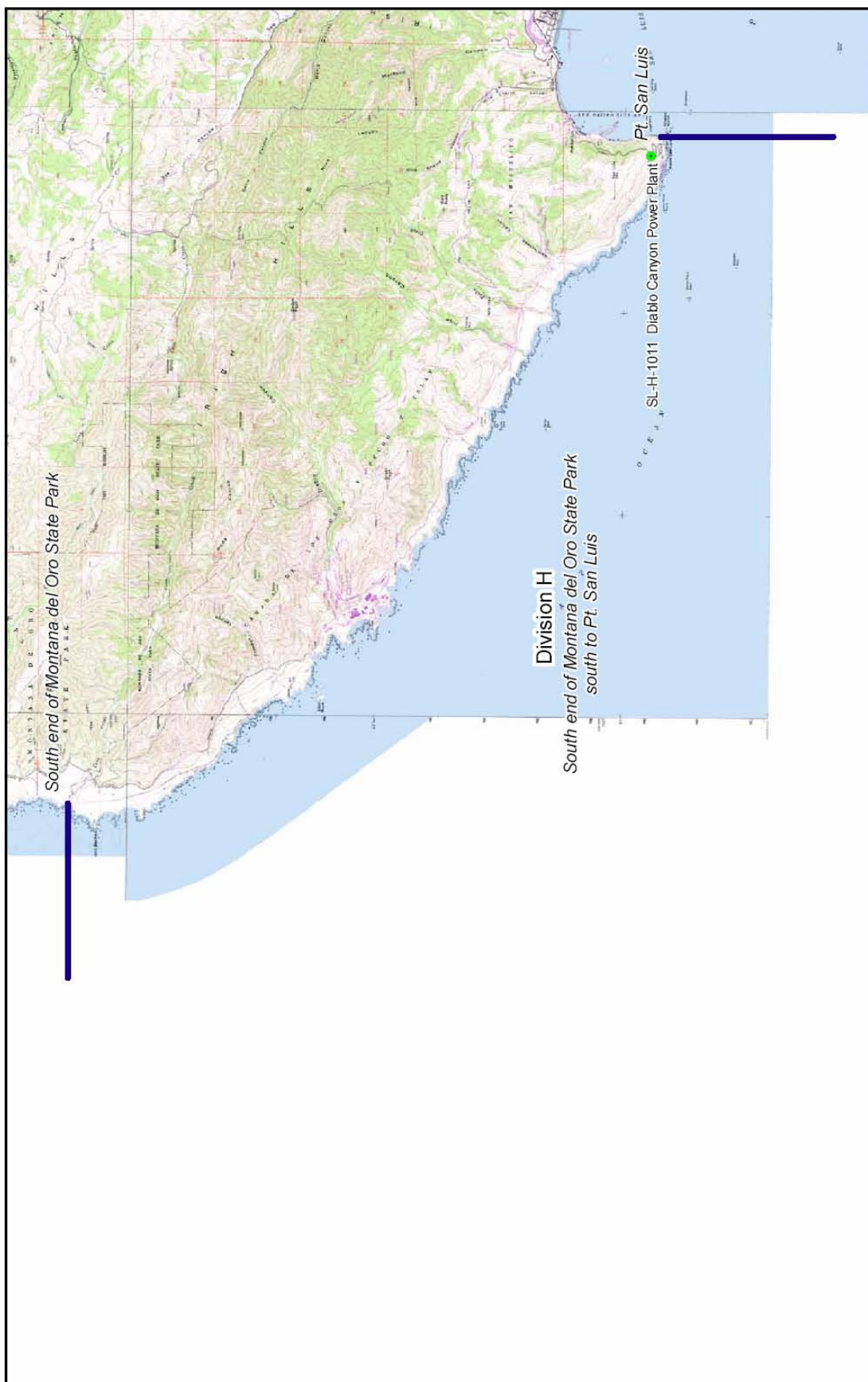


SL-G-2016. Islay Creek and Beach Access, Montana de Oro State Park. Islay Creek mouth



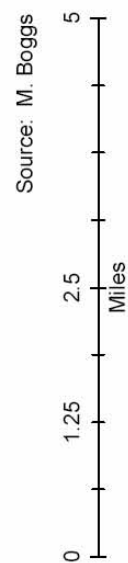
SL-G-2016. Montana de Oro State Park

San Luis Obispo (SL) County Access Points



Legend

- Division Lines
- Beach Access



SL Division H Information

Last Page Update: 4/12/2005

Division Boundary North: Montana De Oro State Park (S. end)

Lat: N 35.26000

Lon: W 120.89000

County: San Luis Obispo**South:** Pt. San Luis

Lat: N 35.16000

Lon: W 120.76000

Division Description:

Division H is approximately 12.5 miles of pocket sandy beaches, rocky cliffs and rocky intertidal habitat. Much of this coast is PG&E Nuclear Power Plant property with highly restricted access - access gate off Avila Beach Drive.

Cultural, Historical, and Archeological Concerns:

Contact the State Historical Preservation Officer at (916) 653-6624.

Sensitive Sites Within Division: [4-315](#)[4-320](#)[4-325](#)[4-330](#)**Individual Access Points SL Division H****Access Point: SL - H - 1011 Diablo Canyon Power Plant****City:** San Luis Obispo County**Thomas Guide Page:** 651 **Grid:** B4**GPS Coordinates:** N 35.17494 W 120.75513 **USGS Quad:** Port San Luis**Directions:**

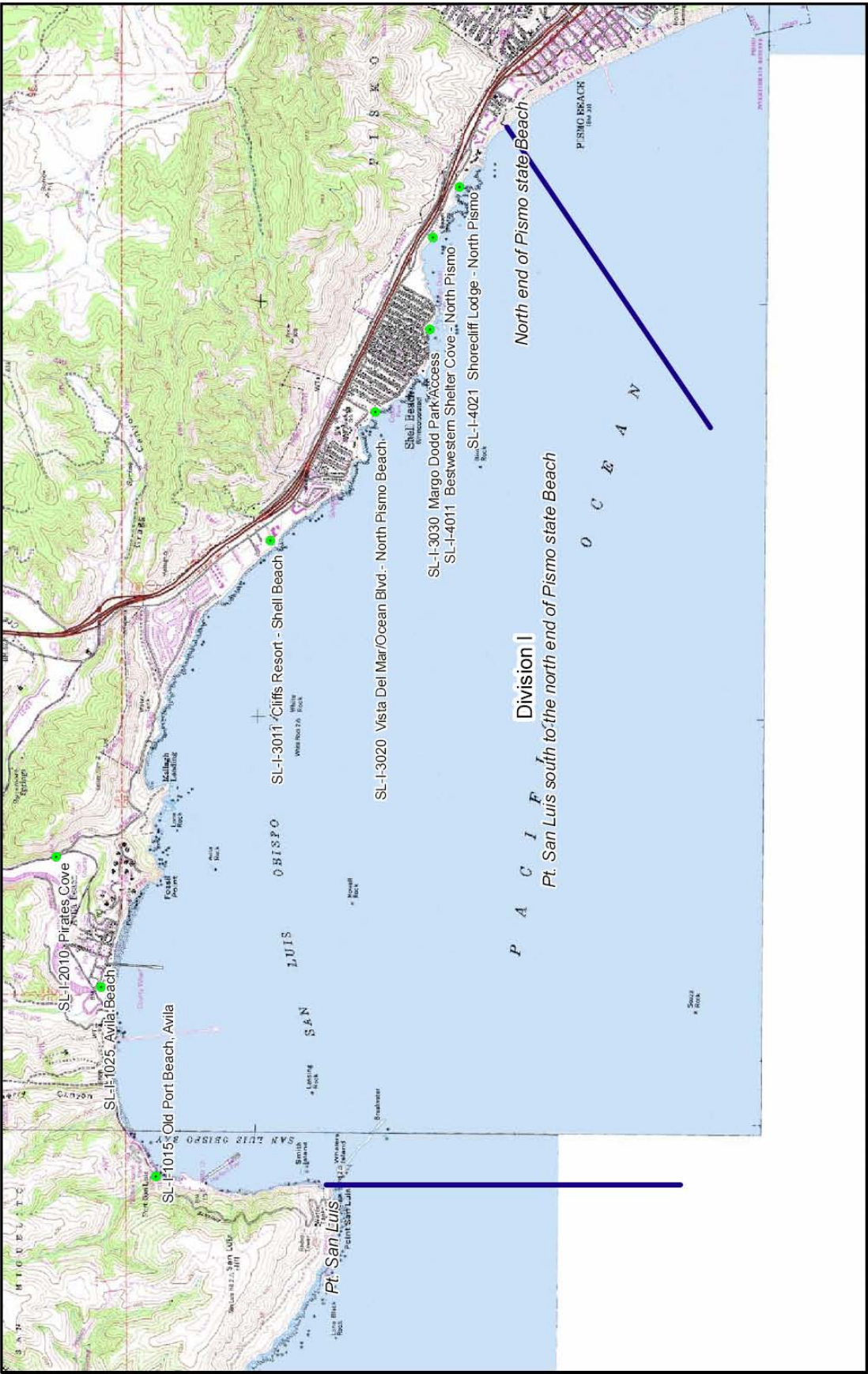
HWY 101 off at Avila Beach exit, San Luis Bay Drive, west on San Luis Bay Drive to the end (approximately 5 miles).

Site Description:

Nuclear power plant special access permission needed w/ SS# and full name. Access to pocket beaches and coves.

Sensitive Sites: [4-335-A](#) [4-330-B](#) [4-325-B](#)

San Luis Obispo (SL) County Access Points



Legend

- Division Lines
- Beach Access

Source: M. Boggs



SL Division I Information**Division Boundary North:** Pt. San Luis**County:** San Luis Obispo**South:** Pismo State Beach (N. end)

Last Page Update: 4/12/2005

Lat: N 35.16000

Lon: W 120.76000

Lat: N 35.15000

Lon: W 120.65000

Division Description:

Division I is approximately 8.6 miles, with pocket sandy beaches, rocky cliffs and rocky intertidal habitat.

Cultural, Historical, and Archeological Concerns:

Contact the State Historical Preservation Officer at (916) 653-6624.

Sensitive Sites Within Division: [4-335](#)[4-340](#)[4-345](#)[4-400](#)[4-405](#)**Individual Access Points SL Division I****Access Point: SL - I - 1015 Old Port Beach, Avila****City:** San Luis Obispo County**Thomas Guide Page:** 345 **Grid:** A4**GPS Coordinates:** N 35.17942 W 120.73607 **USGS Quad:** Port San Luis**Directions:**

HWY 101 off at Avila Beach Drive exit, west to the end (approximately 6 miles).

Site Description:

Small pocket fine to medium grained sandy beach at Port San Luis. Boat ramp and 4wheel vehicle access possible and ATV with Port permission.

Sensitive Sites: [4-340-A](#) [4-335-A](#) [4-320-A](#)**Access Point: SL - I - 1025 Avila Beach and San Luis Obispo Creek****City:** San Luis Obispo County**Thomas Guide Page:** 693 **Grid:** A4**GPS Coordinates:** N 35.16573 W 120.73667 **USGS Quad:** Pismo Beach**Directions:**

HWY 101 off at Avila Beach Drive exit, west to the end, (approximately 5 miles).

Site Description:

Fine to medium grained sandy beach. 4-wheel drive vehicle/ATV access possible with Port permission.

Sensitive Sites: [4-340-A](#) [4-345-B](#) [4-335-A](#)

Access Point: SL - I - 2010 Pirates Cove

City: San Luis Obispo County

Thomas Guide Page: 693 *Grid:* B3

GPS Coordinates: N 35.17497 W 120.75501 *USGS Quad:* Pismo Beach

Directions:

HWY 101 off at Avila Beach Drive exit, west to Cave Landing Road (across golf course) to parking lot at top of road.

Site Description:

Pocket beach. Clothing optional beach. Parking for staging with foot access only down hiking trail approximately 1/4 mile to beach

Sensitive Sites: [4-340-A](#) [4-345-B](#)

Access Point: SL - I - 3011 Cliff's Resort - Shell Beach

City: Shell Beach

Thomas Guide Page: 693 *Grid:* F6

GPS Coordinates: N 35.16573 W 120.69071 *USGS Quad:* Pismo Beach

Directions:

HWY 101 off at Price St. exit in Pismo Beach, north on Price St which turns into Shell Beach Rd, to the Cliffs Resort at 2757 Shell Beach Rd. Beach access path, foot access only, at S. end of hotel.

Site Description:

Hiking path and stairs at S. end of Cliffs Resort to pocket sand and gravel beach bordered by rocky intertidal and headlands.

Sensitive Sites: [4-400-A](#) [4-405-B](#)

Access Point: SL - I - 3020 Vista Del Mar/Ocean Blvd.

City: Pismo Beach

Thomas Guide Page: 693 *Grid:* G7

GPS Coordinates: N 35.15716 W 120.67780 *USGS Quad:* Pismo Beach

Directions:

HWY 101 off at Price St. exit in Pismo Beach, north on Price St, left on Vista Del Mar to Ocean Blvd. to park stair access to beach.

Site Description:

Stair access to pocket sand and gravel beach bordered by rocky intertidal and headlands. Residential neighborhood.

Sensitive Sites: [4-400-A](#) [4-405-B](#)

Access Point: SL - I - 3030 Margo Dodd Park - Cliff Ave. Access

City: Pismo Beach

Thomas Guide Page: 693 *Grid:* J7

GPS Coordinates: N 35.15272 W 120.66943 *USGS Quad:* Pismo Beach

Directions:

HWY 101 off at Price St. exit in Pismo Beach, north on Price St to Cliff Ave. Left to Margo Dodd Park and stair access to beach.

Site Description:

Stair access at Margo Dodd park to pocket sand and gravel beach bordered by rocky intertidal and headlands. Bird roosting site on offshore rocks. Residential neighborhood.

Sensitive Sites: [4-400-A](#) [4-405-B](#)

Access Point: SL - I - 4011 Bestwestern Shelter Cove

City: Pismo Beach

Thomas Guide Page: 714 **Grid:** A1

GPS Coordinates: N 35.15254 W 120.66028 **USGS Quad:** Pismo Beach

Directions:

HWY 101 off at Price St. exit in Pismo Beach, north on Price St to Best Western Shelter Cove hotel at 2651 Price for access path.

Site Description:

Stair access through hotel to pocket sand and gravel beach bordered by rocky intertidal and headlands.

Sensitive Sites: [4-405-B](#)

Access Point: SL - I - 4021 Shorecliff Lodge

City: Pismo Beach

Thomas Guide Page: 714 **Grid:** A1

GPS Coordinates: N 35.15040 W 120.65510 **USGS Quad:** Pismo Beach

Directions:

HWY 101 off at Price St. exit in Pismo Beach, north on Price St to Shore Cliff Lodge at 2555 Price for access path.

Site Description:

Winding stair access through hotel to pocket sand and gravel beach bordered by rocky intertidal and headlands.

Sensitive Sites: [4-405-B](#)



SL-I-1015. Old Port Beach, Avila. Boat ramp and beach access



SL-I-1015. Old Port Beach, Avila. Old Port Beach



SL-I-1025. Avila Beach and San Luis Obispo Creek Access. Avila Beach and Pier



SL-I-1025. Avila Beach and San Luis Obispo Creek Access. Beach access ramp for vehicles/ATV



SL-I-1025. Avila Beach and San Luis Obispo Creek Access. San Luis Obispo Creek looking towards creek mouth



San Luis Obispo Creek looking upstream



SL-I-2010. Pirates Cove Beach Access. Hiking path to Pirates Cove pocket beach



SL-I-2010. Pirates Cove Beach Access. Pirates Cove pocket beach



SL-I-3011. Cliff's Resort Pocket Beach Access – Shell Beach



SL-I-3011. Cliff's Resort Pocket Beach Access – Shell Beach. Path to beach at south side of resort parking lot



SL-I-3011. Cliff's Resort Pocket Beach Access. Path/stairs to beach



SL-I-3011. Cliff's Resort Pocket Beach Access. Path/stairs to beach
Beach looking north



SL-I-3020. Vista Del Mar & Ocean Blvd. – North Pismo Beach Access



SL-I-3030. Margo Dodd Park at Cliff Avenue Beach Access



SL-I-3030. Margo Dodd Park at Cliff Avenue Beach Access. Offshore rocks



SL-I-4011. Best Western Shelter Cove Beach Access



SL-I-4011. Best Western Shelter Cove Beach Access

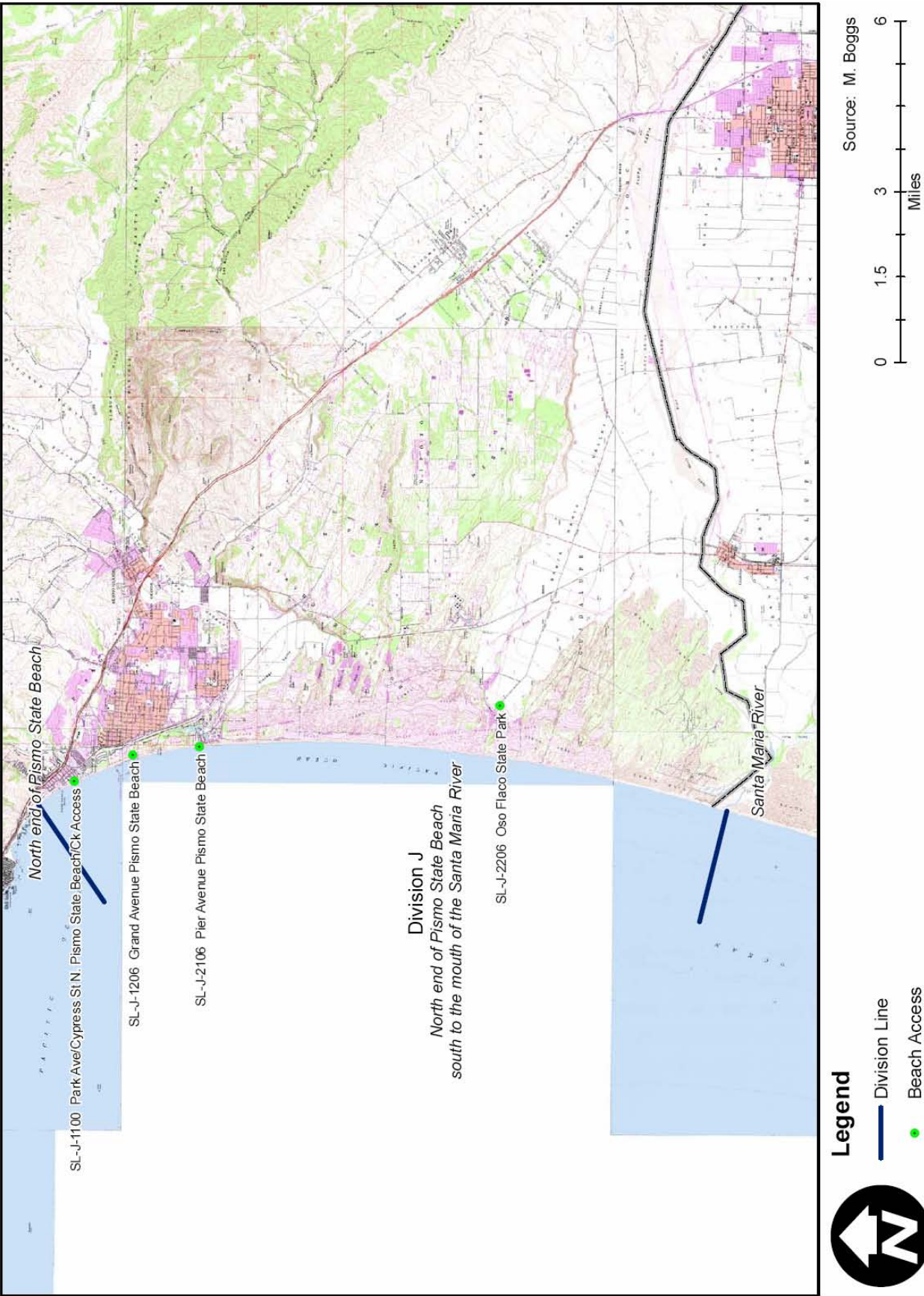


SL-I-4021. Shorecliff Lodge Beach Access. Spiral staircase to pocket beach



SL-I-4021. Shorecliff Lodge Beach Access.

San Luis Obispo (SL) County Access Points



SL Division J Information**Division Boundary North:** Pismo State Beach (N. end)

Last Page Update: 4/12/2005

Lat: N 35.15000

Lon: W 120.65000

County: San Luis Obispo**South:** Santa Maria River

Lat: N 34.97000

Lon: W 120.65000

Division Description:

Division J is approximately 12.6 miles, a long stretch of sandy beach, mostly State Park property, with a number of creek inlets/estuaries. Snowy Plover nesting beaches March-September.

Cultural, Historical, and Archeological Concerns:

Contact the State Historical Preservation Officer at (916) 653-6624.

Sensitive Sites Within Division: [4-410](#)[4-415](#)[4-420](#)[4-425](#)[4-430](#)[4-435](#)[4-440](#)[4-445](#)[4-450](#)**Individual Access Points SL Division J****Access Point: SL - J - 1100 Park Ave/Cypress St N. Pismo State Beach/Ck Access****City:** Pismo Beach**Thomas Guide Page:** 714 **Grid:** C3**GPS Coordinates:** N 35.12202 W 120.63031 **USGS Quad:** Pismo Beach**Directions:**

HWY 101 off at Grand Ave. in Arroyo Grande, go west approximately 3 miles to HWY 1 (Pacific Blvd./Dolliver St), turn R (north) to Park Ave turn L 1 blk to city parking lot.

Site Description:

Long stretch of fine to medium grained sandy beach with access to north end of Pismo State Beach. This access is just N of Pismo Creek. Parking lot for staging. Vehicle access from this point allows access all the way south to Santa Maria River at low tide (need to pass gate at S end of OVRA and would need permission from USFWS for the Refuge just S. of OVRA and coordinate w/ Unocal for the Guadalupe Oil Field beach), and if Santa Maria River mouth is closed can continue south to Mussel Pt (with permission by Center for Natural Lands Management); and can drive north along Pismo State Beach. Snowy plover nesting March-September.

Sensitive Sites: [4-415-A](#)[4-420-A](#)

Access Point: SL - J - 1206 Grand Avenue Pismo State Beach

City: Grover Beach

Thomas Guide Page: 714 **Grid:** D5

GPS Coordinates: N 35.10540 W 120.63460 **USGS Quad:** Pismo Beach

Directions:

HWY 101 off at Grand Ave. in Arroyo Grande, go west approximately 3 miles to State Park beach access.

Site Description:

Long stretch of fine to medium grained sandy beach with access to Pismo State Beach. Vehicle access from this point allows access all the way south to Santa Maria River at low tide (need to pass gate and would need permission from USFWS for the Refuge just S. of OVRA and coordinate w/ Unocal for the Guadalupe Oil Field beach), and if Santa Maria River mouth is closed can continue south to Mussel Pt (with permission by Center for Natural Lands Management); and can drive north along Pismo State Beach. Snowy plover nesting March-September.

Sensitive Sites: [4-415-A](#) [4-420-A](#) [4-425-A](#)

Access Point: SL - J - 2106 Pier Avenue Pismo State Beach & Arroyo Grande Ck

City: Oceano

Thomas Guide Page: 714 **Grid:** D7

GPS Coordinates: N 35.10562 W 120.63068 **USGS Quad:** Oceano

Directions:

HWY 101 off at Grand Ave. in Arroyo Grande, go west approximately 3 miles to Pacific Blvd. (HWY 1), go south approximately 1 mile to Pier Ave, turn R. for beach access.

Site Description:

Long stretch of fine to medium grained sandy beach with access to Pismo State Beach and Arroyo Grande Creek, and south to Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area, Oso Flaco, USFWS NWR, and Guadalupe Oil Field. Snowy plover nesting March-September.

Sensitive Sites: [4-425-A](#) [4-430-A](#) [4-415-A](#)

Access Point: SL - J - 2206 Oso Flaco State Park and Oso Flaco Creek

City: San Luis Obispo County

Thomas Guide Page: 754 **Grid:** F4

GPS Coordinates: N 35.02905 W 120.61720 **USGS Quad:** Oceano

Directions:

Off HWY 101 off at Teft exit in Nipomo, west on Teft, left on Orchard Rd., Right on Division Right, Right on HWY 1, to Oso Flaco Lake Rd. Left (west) to kiosk entry

Site Description:

Long stretch of fine to medium grained sandy beach. Beach access to this area is easiest from Pier Ave. but is an option from Oso Flaco Lake and Creek. State Park. Hiking path to beach approximately 1 mile. ATV access with State Park permission. Staging area in parking lot. Snowy Plover nesting March-September. This beach can also be accessed at low tide from Pismo Off Road Vehicular Rec. Area State Park to the north.

Sensitive Sites: [4-435-A](#) [4-430-A](#) [4-445-A](#)



SL-J-1100. Park Avenue and Cypress Street – North Pismo State Beach and Pismo Creek Access



Pismo Creek Estuary, looking downstream



SL-J-1206. Grand Avenue Pismo State Beach Access



SL-J-1206. Grand Avenue Pismo State Beach Access. Pismo State Beach and Pier



SL-J-2106. Pier Avenue Pismo State Beach Access



SL-J-2106. Pier Avenue Pismo State Beach Access. Arroyo Grande Creek crossing



SL-J-2206. Oso Flaco State Park, Beach, and Oso Flaco Creek Access
Park entrance



SL-J-2206. Oso Flaco State Park, Beach, and Oso Flaco Creek Access
Boardwalk to beach

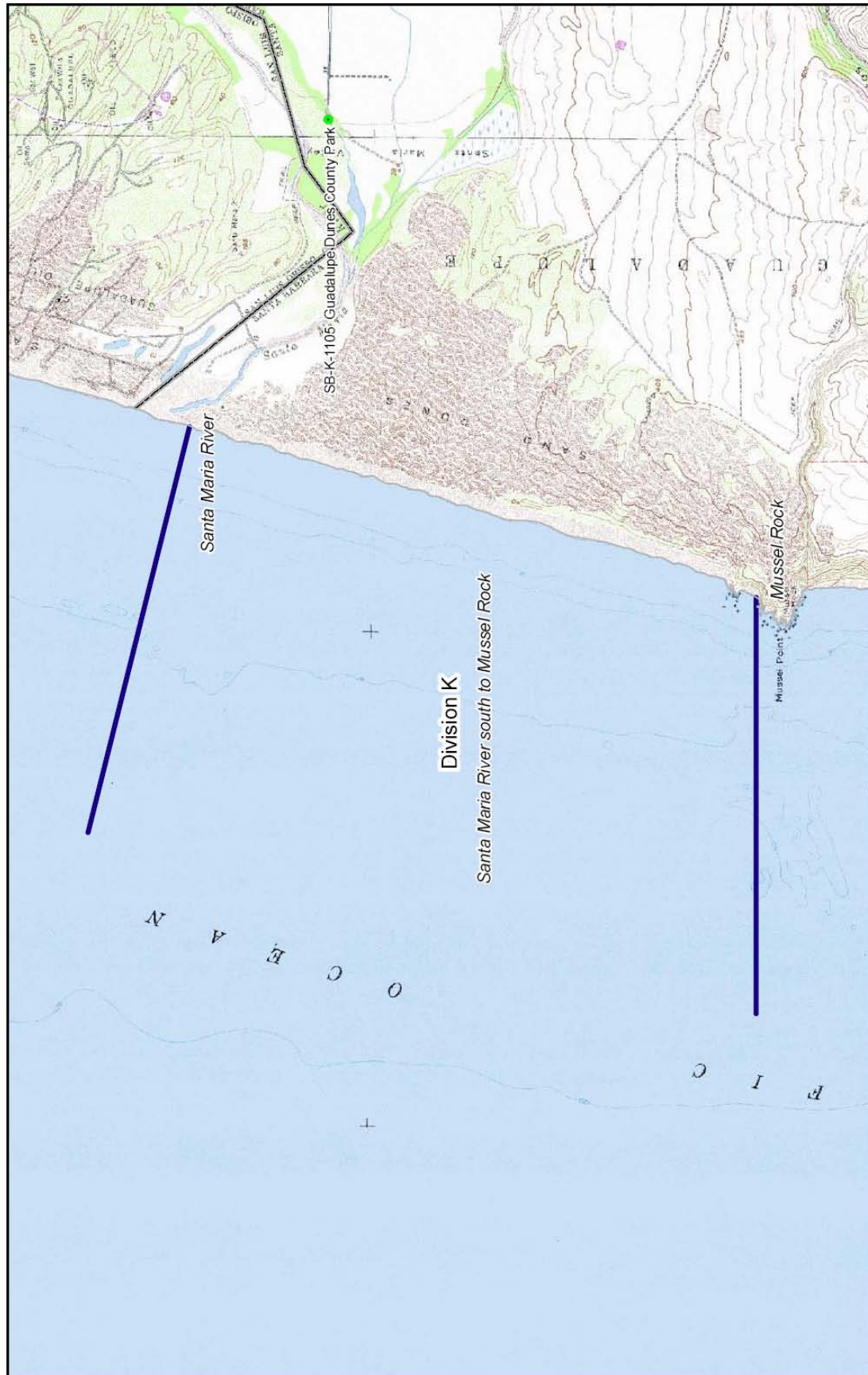


SL-J-2206. Oso Flaco State Park, Beach, and Oso Flaco Creek Access
Oso Flaco Creek, beach and dunes



SL-J-2206. Oso Flaco State Park, Beach, and Oso Flaco Creek Access
Oso Flaco Creek mouth

San Luis Obispo (SL) County Access Points



Legend



- Division Lines
- Beach Access

Source: M. Boggs

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Shoreline Access and Operational Divisions

SB Division K Information

Division Boundary North: Santa Maria River

County: Santa Barbara

South: Mussel Rock

Last Page Update: 4/12/2005

Lat: N 34.97000

Lon: W 120.65000

Lat: N 34.93000

Lon: W 120.67000

Division Description:

Division K is approximately 3.0 miles long from the Santa Maria River to Mussel Pt. High energy fine to medium grain sand beach. When river mouth is closed or low flow can access Division J to the north. Snowy Plovers and Least Tern nest on beach March - September.

Cultural, Historical, and Archeological Concerns:

Contact the State Historical Preservation Officer at (916) 653-6624.

Sensitive Sites Within Division: [4-450](#)

Individual Access Points SB Division K

Access Point: SB - K - 1105 Guadalupe Dunes County Park & Santa Maria River

City: Santa Barbara County

Thomas Guide Page: 774 **Grid:** A5

GPS Coordinates: N 34.96150 W 120.62355 **USGS Quad:** Pt. Sal

Directions:

Off HWY 101 exit Main Street, Route 166 west through town of Guadalupe, take main street all the way to the end to beach (approximately 7 miles)

Site Description:

Fine to medium grained sandy beach (approximately 3 miles long from Santa Maria River to Mussel Pt.) managed by Center for Natural Lands Management for County of Santa Barbara. Kiosk at entry. Santa Maria River is at the north end of the property and is County line. This is the best access to beach for the area between Santa Maria River and Mussel Pt. When river mouth is closed or low flow can pass to the north. 4-wheel drive vehicle/ATV access possible with access permission (805) 431-1389 and removal of 2 locked ballards. Parking lot for staging, picnic tables, outhouse. Snowy Plovers and California Least Terns nest March-September.

Sensitive Sites: [4-450-A](#)

[4-445-A](#)



SB-K-1105. Guadalupe Dunes County Park and Santa Maria River Access
Guadalupe Beach



SB-K-1105. Guadalupe Dunes County Park and Santa Maria River Access
Santa Maria River looking downstream



SB-K-1105. Guadalupe Dunes County Park and Santa Maria River Access
Guadalupe Beach parking lot

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